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BBC's finance director resigns

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IAN Plaining, the BBC's director of finance, has resigned two months after the discovery of a series of accounting errors that led television producers to overspend by at

least £20 million this year.

Spending on BBC television programmes for next year has aiready been cut to compensate for the projected definite which is next thought deficit, which is now thought to be more than £50 million. The cuts threaten to jeopardise the quality of next

year's autumn schedules. last week Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman. promised to make public the result of an investigation into the overspend by the corporation's audit committee. chaired by Lord Joel Barnett. the vice-chairman.

Last night the BBC said Mr Phillips will leave at the end of February. "Ian has now decided that he wishes to pursue a range of other activities and it wishes him well." a notice on the staff board said. It was signed by Sir Michael Checkland, the outgoing di-

A BBC spokesman last night denied any connection between the overspend and Mr Phillip's resignation.

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rebuffover council tax BY RACHEL KELLY ■ The full extent of the collapse of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of householders yesterday confronted the stark reality of how much the value of their homes has fallen when town halls issued valua-

tions for the council tax which comes into force next year. Homes across the country have been graded into eight bands for the new tax, based on property prices in April last year. But since then, values have fallen by an average of 10 per cent, and the government is braced for a million appeals from people saying

their properties have been put in too high a band. Most complainants are likely to be disappointed: to win a reduction, householders will have to prove that their home has been unfairly valued compared with others in the same area. Falling house prices will not be a valid basis for appeal

as they affect everyone. Nevertheless, the collapse in the property market has blighted the launch of a tax that the government had hoped would end the discontent caused by the community charge - and its cause was not helped by the confusion that surrounded the publication of valuation lists yesterday. Councils had been told that they would receive the details property mainet was revealed yesterday when details of the council tax were released. Most appeals from householders seem certain to fail

on December 1, but they did not know until Raday that they would be expected to put them on display immediately. Many were unable to do so and had to turn disgrantled

householders away. John Blundell, under secretary for finance for the Conservarive-controlled Association of District Councils, said: This is the last thing we want to start out with a problem on this new tax. It will turn members of public against the tax if it is perceived that it is

not being handled properly."
In the Commons, Margaret Beckett, the Labour deputy leader, predicted that the "chaos and injustice of the poli tax would be surpassed by the chaos and injustice of the council tax", and Doug Henderson, shadow local govern-ment minister, promised to expose its "blatant umairness". He said: "Many house-holders will be shocked at the valuations given to their prop-erties, knowing that a higher valuation will mean a larger tax bill." Lower and middle

income householders in the South would be hit the hardest, he said: "These householders will find it difficult to understand how their house is valued at perhaps two bands higher than a similar house in

Angry homeowners face

other parts of the country." Mr Henderson added that the unfairness of the system was shown when rich single people could receive up to £182 in transitional relief, on top of the 25 per cent single person discount, while a married couple with a small occupational pension could get no discount and could be paying

nearly as much. But despite the stance being taken by Labour MPs, Labour councillors have urged them to soft-pedal their opposition as they do not want the tax to fail and face another upheaval in local government finance. With the Exchequer now providing about 85 per cent of councils income, they fear the next step would be the aboli-tion of a local tax.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, conceded



on BBC radio yesterday that the new tax was not faultless, saying: "There is no system which is absolutely free from disadvantages. If people think they have been hard done by, they have a right of appeal."

Mrs Beckett forecast that millions of people would appeal against their valuations, and the government is prepared for a million to do so. But Colin Farrington, director of the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation, said yesterday: "In most cases, people are not going to want to go along to a tribunal and argue that their house is worth less." Ray Morgan, of Woking Council, even suggested that

people thinking of selling their homes might appeal that they were in too low a band. Those who decide they do

want to appeal will not be able to do so until next April, when the first council tax bills are sent out. Their cases could take months or more to be dealt with and they will have to pay the tax while it is being heard.

Householders will not know what they have to pay until councils set their budgets in the spring, but the Association of London Authorities yesterday released its prediction of what the basic tax for every council in the country would be (see page 4). The associ-ation said the figures had been prepared by making "conservative" assumptions about council budgets for 1993.

In setting their budgets, councils are grappling with expected cuts in jobs and services to keep within government spending limits. Hum-berside county council yester-day called for voluntary redundancies and a freeze on recruitment; Lancashire said it expected to shed at least 2,000 jobs and make £67 million cuts in services. Derbyshire said it would have to make "devastating" cuts in services with the loss of up to 2,500 jobs and Berkshire expected major budget problems.

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War files show how Alderney was left alone against Nazis

CHANNEL Island officials vho organised the evacuation of civilians during the second world war were guilty of "criminal neglect" when they failed to help those living on Alderney, accord-

derney, who eventually asked the Admiralty to send ships to evacuate the 1,100 slanders, said in a detailed report to the Home Office on June 24, 1940, that the Guernsey authorities had ig-nored their plight and failed to reply to his letters.

The report is part of a dossier of files released early by the government after considerable lobbying. scheduled to remain secret for another 50 years. Recent campaigns in the media and appeals from David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, led to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, agreeing to release many of the documents from the Home Office and defence

They include letters writ-ten by members of the public, allegations of collaborations with the Nazis, and requests for a German commander to be given a job after the war because he helped toprevent deaths. It is widely known that the Germans withheld food from some inhabitants, notably those born in England, and reports have suggested that 350 prisoners died from starvation on Alderney.

But the files are full of blanked-out names, supposedly "on the grounds of personal sensitivity" because they contain "uncorroborated allegations" that "may

distress or endanger that person or descendants".

In a report dated July ! 1945, the then director of public prosecutions, Theobald Mathews even suggests that the people of Guernsey really considered commit ting treason. He rejected 12 cases brought before him on the grounds that there was

French's report is, howev er, the most damning piece of new material. In a de-tailed diary of events from June 12 to 24, 1940, he



Flashback: a German soldier on Jersey

described the growing panic on the island and the distillu sionment when news of the evacuation of neighbouring islands reached Alderney from the crew of a boat sent by the British government to evacuate the families of military personnel only. He con-cluded: "The Guernsey civil authorities have been guilty throughout of a gross failure to perform their duty."

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UK to call Bosnia summit

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND MICHAEL EVANS

WITH the Foreign Office taking a markedly more hawkish stance than the Ministry of Defence, Britain is to call a second international conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina to review Western military options to halt Serbian aggression.

The conference will be held in Geneva soon after the Edinburgh European Community summit meeting next week and will bring together countries in the steering group of the Geneva peace negotiations. Muslim countries, now meeting on Bosnia in Jedda. will be represented, but warring factions in the former

Yugoslavia will be excluded. Senior officials in the Forcign Office are leaning towards the possibility of military action against the Serbs, including anacks on Serbian-held airfields to enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia, and possible deploy-



Rifkind: opposed to military solution

ment of ground troops in Kosovo to prevent a general uprising there.

This is in sharp contrast to more cautious views at the Ministry of Defence. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary. yesterday warned against any international attempt to impose a military solution in Bosnia. He also rejected the idea of UN troops delivering humanitarian aid by force.

France has strongly urged the convening of a new conference, an idea the government is keen to take up before the end of the British presidency Some officials in Whitehall believe that more vigorous action is needed to enforce the resolutions of the London conference. Officials noted that sanc-

tions now being tightened could lead to the total isolation of Serbia, including a closing of all Western embassies and a total postal and communications cut-off.

As Mr Rifland spoke during a meeting of the Western European Union's parliamentary assembly in Paris, the UN airlift to Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, was suspended after a US relief plane was hit by small-arms fire. UN officials said the aircraft was not badly damaged and there were no injuries. Earlier this year an Italian transport plane was

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Yeltsin warns deputies of civil war backlash

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin of Russia yesterday accused his country's senior legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, of hindering economic reform. He called on it to surrender powers to the government or face the consequences of a hardline backlash, claiming that ex-communists were forming armed groups and trying to drive the country towards civil war.

In his keynote address to the twice-yearly "super-parlia-ment" meeting in the Kremlin, Mr Yeltsin gave a warning of growing extremism in the country and called for a truce with his opponents to ward off the threat of violent confrontation. "Political adventurers believe that an ungovernable Russia would be easy prey for them," he said.

He spoke of the need for a united reform front uniting parliament and government, who have been at loggerheads over the pace and course of change, to protect the country from "political hysteria whipped up by anti-reformists". Only strong democratic institutions could combat the "self-styled fronts and under-

have begun to appear in the old Bolshevik soil", he said. Nationalists and communists have joined forces at the Congress, vowing to topple the government and block its reforms, and the mood among deputies is tense and heated. In return for support, Mr

ground governments which

Yeltsin made concessions to the military-industrial lobby. saying he would accept some state intervention in reform and seek a "golden path" between state and market.

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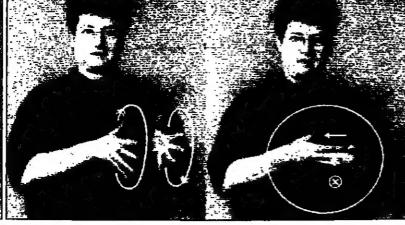
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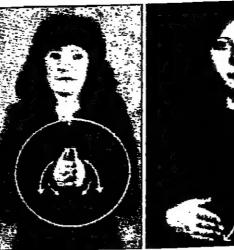
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BRITAIN'S quietest language got its first dictionary yesterday. British Sign Language (BSL) is the fourth most commonly used of Britain's indigenous languages, after English, Welsh, and Scottish Gaelic. More than 50,000 people use it as their first language.

The Princess of Wales, patron of the British Deaf Association, launched the dictionary

translating sign language into English and vice versa in London yesterday.

Those who have never paid attention to BSL, and expect it to consist of simple signs that mirror the world are in for a surprise. Some of the signs are recognisable by non-signers. For

British sign dictionary launched

example, "delicious" in BSL is signed by smiling and rotating the open right hand clockwise in a small circle over the stomach. But most of the signs have moved on from hieroglyphic picturing of the world. BSL is a system of conventional movements of every part of the body to express the full range of meanings conveyed by speech. A sonnet by Shakespeare can be expressed precisely. For example, the dictionary illustrates and

defines 30 different things that can be done with the face to give different meanings or glosses to meanings, from raising the eyebrows to sticking out the tongue.

The shape, orientation, location, arrangement, contact and movement of each hand are

used to convey meanings. For example, to say "abbreviate" and its nest of connotations and related words, both hands are clenched in what against the side of the index finger. These fists are held in front of the body, with the palms facing down. If the hands were opened, the fingers would all point away from the signer. The hands are held in front of the body, and make a short, firm movement down and towards each other.

This first manual of Britain's forgotien language is no pocket dictionary. but, a thumping big book with more than 1,000 pages and 1,800 signed and illustrated headwords for groups of words.

Gummer vows to quit the church over vote for women priests

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

JOHN Gummer, the agriculture minister, has resigned from the General Synod of the Church of England and says that he will eventually leave the church altogether. He blamed the dwindling authority of the church and the vote to ordain women to the priesthood for his decision.

Last night, he said that the church had changed its nature and had become a sect. The vote on women priests had been the "straw that broke the

camel's back". His resignation was greeted with sadness by church leaders and synod members, who said they regretted losing a man of his expertise and authority. In a letter today, he says that by voting to ordain women priests the church had exclud-ed all who hold the historic faith. "It is not we who have left the Church of England." he says. "It is the Church of England which has left the faith unto which generations have been baptised."

Mr Gummer has been a Synod men the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich diocese since 1979. He has attended meetings of the synod and its traditionalist Catholic group, despite his heavy government commitments. A church spokesman said he was the first member known to have resigned.

In his letter, to the deanery synod members, who are the general synod electors. Mr Gummer says also that ortho-

doxy has been under perpetual siege. He condemns the almost complete abandonsaying the church has lost its bedrock of faith and order. He criticises bishops who denied the virgin birth and cast doubt upon the reality of the resurrection. He says the country has become the "divorce and

abortion capital of Europe".
In an interview with The
Times last night, he said: "The
Church of England has left the faith as taught by the fathers and by the saints." He had no definite plans about where or when he might go. "I feel myself in limbo in that sense." He will consult family and friends before any decision.

The church would now dedine both in numbers and influence, he said. It no longer had any claim on the people of England as the apostolic church in this country. "I always said I could not remain an Anglican if the Church of England decided that it would cut its links with the historic

Mr Gummer said he would remain on the parliamentary Ecclesiastical Committee. which vets church legislation before it comes before Parliament. He is concerned to protect the rights of dergy who believe they must leave the church because of the narrow vote last month to ordain

women priests. He said the issue was not about women's ordination.

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but about the authority of the church. He accused the synod of betraying the nature of the church. He had resigned because he "could not in honour be a member of a body which has arrogated to itself powers it could not possibly have. It has decided it has the power to change the orders without scriptural authority and without the authority of the [church] fathers and the saints. That is not a body I

could possibly belong to."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, who has asked church members not to make hasty decisions about their future, declined to comment yesterday. Mr Gummer said his decision was far from hasty. "Some people have been asking me why I didn't do it at once."

The Ven George Austin, Archdescon of York, said: "It is not a surprise. It is just very sad that we have lost a fine Anglican.

Fr Peter Geldard, chairman of the 180-strong Catholic group, said: "The Church of England will definitely be poorer without him. He symbolises what many ordinary lay people feel and I am sure others will follow suit."

Simon Hughes MP, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on church affairs and a member of the Ecclesiastical Committee, said: "His decision is premature. It is sad and I think it sets a bad example. He should accept the democratic



No art for Aids day: the Fine Art Society's gallery in New Bond Street, London, replaces paintings in its window with a display of red ribbons to mark World Aids day yesterday. A "day without art" was conceived in 1988, when a small group of galleries in New York displayed empty windows to mark the devastation Aids had wreaked in the city's artistic community.

This year nearly 5,000 artists, art organisations and galleries in Britain, the United States, Canada, Mexico and Japan have pledged their support for World Aids day. Red ribbons, which originated in America as a symbol of Aids awareness and concern. were first used in Britain to mark deaths from Aids at the Freddie Mercury memori-

Tories operate like a 'social service'

THE law may be an ass. For politicians, it has certainly become a pain, as Norman Lamont will willingly testify. The £23,000 reportedly paid in legal fees on behalf of Lamont to evict an embarrassing tenant was chicken feed compared to a libel action. Costs in such cases often run to six figures. How can politicians afford to defend

themselves? The answer has frequently been found among party colty, for all its public backbiting over policy and ideology, in private has a well-established system of mutual aid for embattled colleagues - not just the Cabinet minister under pressure, but occasion-



Ian Richardson: devious

times this help is provided directly by parliamentary col-leagues, sometimes by party headquarters with a loan, for instance, underwriting a bank overdraft or paying a debt.

the party with a sympathetic ear. In the case of Margaret Tebbit, who was injured in the Brighton Bomb, a trust fund was set up by friends. Even the Whips Office takes

part, setting aside its thumbscrew image to co-ordinate assistance and to help MPs through marital, medical and financial challenges. "It's a parliamentary social service built along military lines," one MP said. "Of course, they'll use bayonets to encourage you over the top, but they are also tireless in dragging the wounded back to safety."

The system is of long stand-ing. Disraeli and Churchill were bailed out of debt, but today the system is neither open-ended nor mindless. "Paying up for Mumsy", as Mark Thatcher naively put it, is no longer an option, particu-larly with a party which is

Brown twists knife in Lamont

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON Brown, shadow chancellor, last night called on the prime minister to draw up new ministerial guidelines on the use of public funds in the light of the use of taxpayers' money by Norman Lamont

Mr Brown has also asked the National Audit Office to investigate whether other undisclosed payments have been made under the current government, in addition to its study into the £4,700 paid to help the Chancellor meet legal fees relating to the eviction of a sex therapist renting part of his home.

On Monday the National Audit Office said that the account in which the £4,700 appeared had been reported to

Parliament under a broad heading of "Treasury running costs". It was never examined, however, because it was not identified as a special payment

In a statement issued yester-day, Mr Brown said the Chancellor should accept that he should have consulted the Law Officers — the attorney-general and Solicitor General before any action was taken

through his own solicitors. In a letter to the Chancellor, Mr Brown asks him to outline the sequence of events from April 1991 that led to the minute from Sir Peter Middleton, former permanent secretary at the Treasury, suggesting that the Treasury

would pick up the legal bill. He also charges Mr Lamont with failing to follow existing ministerial guidelines by not consulting the Law Officers before taking up the matter

"In these circumstances I would be grateful for a note of the advice given by the law officers," said Mr Brown. "I hope you will agree with me that the prime minister should now consult Parliament over the new guidelines that are urgently needed to govern the conduct of ministers in relation to matters such as these."

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reportedly £17 million in debt. Individual cases are rarely met from ordinary party funds. Lamont's case sounds typical, with one or more individual party sympathisers being ap-proached for new money, Lamont neither knowing their identities nor receiving money

Yet at a time when the Conservative party must be-come more cautious about aid, the demands on its resources, especially for supporting legal action, are expanding. Perhaps there used to be a clear distinction between a politician's public and private roles. Today that distinction has crumbled. Politics is increasingly and the composition of the com ingly about personality - witness Neil Kinnock during the last election and David Mellor since — and the personal reputation of a politician is likely to be as decisive as his policies. So the need to protect those reputations grows.

Inevitably the system must operate mainly out of public view. The self-acknowledged lies told by two employees of an off-licence about Norman Lamont are far from unique. While I was Conservative Chief of Staff much of my task was to keep material out of the press. Allegations flooded across my desk that half the Cabinet were having affairs. even that two of the were having an affair with each other, that a minister had a criminal record; that another was an alcoholic. Silencing such lies frequently requires legal action. For justice to be done also required silence. It is the unseemly game that politics has become.

Michael Dobbs was chief of staff at Conservative Central Office and wrote House of

Filibusters make it a day to remember

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

lo you or me or any other rational observer, there was nothing musual about 3.40pm on Tuesday afternoon in the Commons chamber. MPs were on their feet arguing. were, as usual, of no conceivable interest to anybody whose brain had not been partially destroyed by long immersion in politics. As usual the Chair was struggling to move the business forward. As usual, intermi-

nable bores from the constit-

bog it down. A day, you say,

like any other? You would be wrong. In times to come and genera-tions hence, white-baired MPs, wizened by age, will dandle their little grandchildren on their knee, and, on hearing yet again the ques-tion the kiddies love to ask what did you do in the great Maastricht filibuster, pages — ah! How wellthumbed! - to December 1,

"See here, my child. There's grandpa's name. That day was the very beginning of a debate which, as everybody knows, went on for years. And I was on my feet, raising a point of order with Mr Morris in the

day. Nigel Spearing had just rambled through a long point of order about something or other; and I stood

Mr Spearing will by then be long gone, but yesterday the redoubtable member for wham S was in indefatigable form. Commons addicts will recognise Spearing as the lanky, lugubrious figure who knows everyng there is to know about the British constitution, railway timetables, Statutory Instruments and cycle

cyclopaedic knowledge and Spearing reminds us of the sort of taxi-driver who wins Where others split hairs, Spearing would dissect them and then perform an autopsy, a burial and a funeral oration.

Even his speeches wear cycle clips. A fragment . . . Unless we're able to do so, Mr Morris, then the process of ratification which our constitution requires

Mr Spearing, along with a couple of dozen MPs on both sides of the House, does not like the Maastricht treaty and is determined to obstruct its passage through the committee. MPs were filibustering.

The House, mind you, of the bill itself. This was part of a "point of order" to the chairman preliminary to beginning work on the bill. The main filibuster was still to come: this was an 83uencies were struggling to minute filibuster to a filibusother MPs yo-yoed up and down, anxious to speak, ready with filibusterettes of

their own.

Without experiencing it for yourself it is difficult to capture the glee with which a backbencher throws himself into filibustering. There delight (understood by every captive spirit) in being ob-structive while still obeying the rules. Doing everything very slowly, saying "amen" in a silly voice, leaving your carrots because Mum said "eat your greens" ... we all remember the pleasure to be derived from observance of the law in the letter only.

or MPs, that pleasure dis still available through the device of filibustering. Solemly they assure the chairman of their obedience. "Mr Morris, as we struggle to understand the meaning of this treaty, the very raising of half an eyebrow by you will cause the government to jitter with fear ..." - that was Nick Budgen, speaking yesterday, as his pals tittered behind their hands.

It was a day for schoolboy Leader Tony Newton had addressed his backbench colleague, Michael Fabri-cant (C. Mid-Staffs) as "the hon lady". It round Mr Fabricant's beautifully crafted and carefully swotted-up question about a 3 per cent increase in the money supply, M0.

"I'm sorry," stammered Newton, "but the MP in my line of sight at the time was an hon lady." This was true (Labour's Joan Walley sits opposite Newton; Fabricant was behind him) but raises worries as to how Mr Newton might address MPs if, say, a domestic pet, a stilllife in oils, or a game trophy mounted on the wall. catches his eye.

"I agree with the hon Cat/Banana/Moose's head

Professor resigns in forces pay row

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

independent Armed Forces Pay Review Body, which recommends wage increases for the three services, has resigned in protest at the government's decision to peg public sector rises to 1.5 per cent next year. John White, 68, one of eight

members, sent his letter of resignation to John Major yesterday. He told the prime minister that the independence of the review body had been undermined and the armed forces, who depended on the review body to give objective advice, would feel let

His resignation after six years as a member of the body came after he learnt from fellow members that they had agreed with the government's request not to advise on the basic military salary in their

next annual pay report.
Professor White, Pro Provost for External Affairs at spring.

A SENIOR member of the University College London, was in Tokyo when the pay curb was announced in the government's Autumn Statement. He was not consulted by telephone when the review body was asked to accept the government's decision. He said that since the review

body was set up in 1971 the government had never reject-ed its recommendations on pay, although on three occa-sions the increase was phased. This was the first time the review body had been bypassed, he said.

Although the members. headed by Sir Peter Cazalet. are expected to continue studying certain aspects of pay affecting particular ranks, the work they have already carried out to prepare an overall pay nored by the government. The review body's full report would have been published in the

Bosnia summit call

Continued from page 1 shot down near Sarajevo, kill-ing four on board. The flight suspension was announced as parts of Sarajevo came under heavy shelling. The Bosnian Muslim army accused Serb gunners of attacking the runway to disrupt aid deliveries. In Paris, Mr Rifkind said full military intervention would require more than 100,000 men, who would suffer heavy casualties. "It is of utmost importance that our troops are impartial, that they avoid the appearance of tak-

ing sides and they do not undertake any tasks which

could lead to their being sucked into the conflict." Brit-

are based in Bosnia. Nato sources yesterday said there were plans to righten the naval blockade of the rump

Yugoslav state in the Adriatic by deploying warships in Al-banian territorial waters for the first time. They said a decision was expected later this week. Nato officials are being sent to Tirana to make

ain has 2,400 troops in Bosnia

and Croatia, many of whom

final arrangements.
Saudi Arabia yesterday
called on the UN to invoke its charter, as it did against Iraq over the invasion of Kuwait, p take action against the Serbs

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West Country faces further disruption as floods spread

By ROBIN YOUNG AND ADAM FRESCO

FRESH flood alerts were issued yesterday while villagers in the West Country were still cleaning up after three days of rain led to floods and road and

rail closures.

Another inch of rain and high winds were predicted for today in the area as police and the AA warned drivers to limit themselves to essential journeys. Four inches of rain in the last four days made November the wettest on record in the South West since 1940.

Yesterday, a spokesman for the National Rivers Authority in Wales said 4in of rain had fallen on Sunday night, and a further inch on Monday, causing damage estimated at £1 million.

She added: "The ground is so saturated at the moment that any rain which falls won't be taken in. It just runs off and the flooding could be quite bad again if the forecast prolonged rain comes."

Amber flood alerts remained in force on the river Wye between Hereford and Ross throughout the day yes-terday and farmers were ad-vised to take livestock to high ground for the night as the river was in danger of bursting its banks. Motorists were stranded on flooded roads, and a canoeist had to be

Frome at Frampton Cotterell, Avon, near Bristol. The man, in his mid-20s, dung to an overhanging tree until fire-men and a passerby managed to drag him to the bank after cutting his trapped legs free from the cance.

One man in Chippenham, Wiltshire, alerted police by waving from the roof of his car when he was marooned in floods. In Taunton, Somerset, 200 sheep were swept to their deaths when the river Tone burst its banks after rising eight feet overnight. Firemen waded through water up to their waists to rescue 50 others. In nearby Wellington, a wave swept through a garden centre, causing thou-

sands of pounds of damage.

Train journeys between Paddington and Wales and the West Country were extended by 20 minutes because the Chipping Sodbury tunnel was flooded. Buses ferried rail passengers between Taunton and Exeter, where the line was submerged. Other branch lines, including Barnstaple to Exeter in Devon and Liskeard to Looe in Cornwall, were

closed by floods. Motorists on many minor roads were delayed by landslips. Police closed the B3193



Wet country: flood waters yesterday around Langport after the river Parrett burst its banks, submerging the Somerset Levels

valley, Devon, after heavy rain caused subsidence. Annabelle Lillycrop, spokeswoman for the rivers authority's Wessex Region, which covers much of the West Country, said: "We're working round the clock monitoring water levels. Things have eased up a bit and we had some respite but we're

expecting more rain which may give rise to further problems."

The Bristol Rovers training ground at Keynsham was under 2ft of water. Hundreds of acres of farmland remained under a foot of water in the Lacock area of Wiltshire. In Staverton, a car was swept

away. Villagers in Walton-in-Gordano, near Clevedon, Avon, had 2ft of water in their houses, while pensioners in Lydney, Gloucestershire, were evacuated when 18in of water flooded their homes. Ambu-lancemen were called to nearby Dursley to rescue a man

floods. The seafront in Sidmouth, Devon, was closed. A spokesman for the Bristol weather centre said that the area was probably the wettest in Britain on Monday when 12 in of rain fell. The spokesman forecast heavy overnight rain and 60mph winds.

a 90-mile stretch of the Thames last night after heavy rain caused the river to burst its banks. Rivers authority officials are patrolling the river from its source in Gloucestershire to Teddington, advising the public on safety measures.

Schoolboy cleared of killing pensioner

BY LIN JENKINS

A BOY aged 11 hugged his barrister in the well of number one court at the Old Balley yesterday after a judge directed a jury to clear him of killing a 93-watched

a 93-year-old woman.
Marin Heslop, for the prosecution, said he would offer no
evidence because no jury could
be certain that the child had
been responsible for the death.
The index Mr. Justice The judge Mr Justice Mantell, directed the jury to formally return a verdict of not

The boy had denied killing Rosetta Forth, who was partially blind. The prosecution was to have said that he punched her during an argument in the said that her punched her during an argument was the way when ment in June this year when he went to retrieve his football from her garden. She died five days later from a pulmonary embolism — a blood clot that developed in her leg and broke free, blocking vital arteries — initially thought to have resulted from the alleged punch.

Mr Heslop said he had received a further statement from Dr. Peter Versent description.

from Dr Peter Vanezes, the pathologist for the defence, which said there was a small possibility that the embolism could have occurred spontaneously. He told the jury that Dr Rufus Crompton, the pathologist for the Crown, had been unable to disagree.

Mr Justice Mantell imposed an order under the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 banning the publication of any material likely to lead to

Black PC accuses officers of racism

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

THIRTEEN policemen, under the police discipline ranging in rank from constables to superintendent, are being investigated following allegations of racial discrimination and harassment by an Afro-Caribbean officer.

Scotland Yard confirmed last night that the officer made his allegations at Fulham police station in west London. A chief superintendent has been brought in to head the

The enquiry is one of the biggest of its kind ever carried police. The uniformed constable claimed he suffered "direct and indirect racial discrimina-

tion" as well as harassment. None of the officers has been suspended and the black officer, who has spent two years in the Metropolitan police after serving with an overseas force, has opted to stay on duty at Fulham.

It is understood that the officer, who is believed to be in his twenties, made a formal statement outlining the allegations in October. His complaints cover a long period and he first reported a prob-

lem in the summer. Eventually, the report will be considered by Alan Fry, the deouty assistant commissioner in charge of west London. He will decide whether there have been breaches of civil or criminal law or whether the matter may be dealt with

supervised by the Police Com-

plaints Authority. Some of the officers have already approached the Police Federation, which represents ranks up to the level of inspector, for help should the case go to a tribunal. The black officer is seeking advice from the Commission for Ra-

Chris Myant, a commission spokesman, said yesterday: "He has come to us and we are giving him what is termed advice and assistance. Our complaints officer is talking to him but we are experiencing some difficulty in getting in-formation that we need from the police." The commission has not vet decided whether it

will provide legal assistance. The most celebrated case of internal discrimination within a police force was settled two years ago when three Asian policemen serving in Nottinghamshire won a total of £30,000 at an industrial tribunal. The case had been taken

up by the commission. The tribunal found that PC Surinder Singh had been subjected to racial discrimination when he took part in a scheme to test his suitability for the CID, which led to his rejection. Two sergeants also faced opposition to applications to join the CID and were awarded compensation.

lose out

DISABLED people are failing to get jobs with government departments despite a requirement that employers recruit more staff from among those with disabilities (writes

Jeremy Laurance). Latest figures show that the proportion of White-hall staff who are disabled is well below the 3 per cent quota set by law and is decreasing in many government departments. At the Department of Transport the number fell from 166 in June 1989, 1.2 per cent of the total workforce,

to 153 in June 1990. The government is exempt from the act but its failure to abide by its own strictures demonstrates the need for tougher legislation to outlaw discrimination, according to Alf Morris, Labour spokesman on the disabled.

He is to present the figures in London today at

Disabled on jobs

a conference called Beyond the Decade. organised by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation and other disability organisations to consider the future for disabled people. Sixty per cent of disabled workers are now unemployed. "The government should be giving a lead." said Mr Morris.

Operatic vampire joins the BBC's Christmas schedule

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

"DISTINCTIVE" soap opera will be the hallmark of the BBC's £27 million Christmas schedules, including an adaptation of The Vampyr, a 19thcentury romantic opera about an evil but erotic vampire released from his ice-tomb after hundreds of years.
In a potent antidote to the

usual festive fare of Neighbours and EastEnders, the singing vampire rises to the pinnacle of 1990s high finance and then becomes a serial killer. The five-part BBC2 production of the opera, written by German composer Heinrich Marschner, combines the horror of Dracula with the soap suds of Dynasy. The dialogue is sung not spoken, by Omar Ebrahim, Richard Van Allan and Fiona O'Neill with a soundrack pre-recorded by the BBC Philharmonic

Orchestra.
BBC2 will also show Life With Eliza, an Edwardian teatime soap featuring John Sessions with a series of 10minute comic monologues. The BBC, traditional win-

ner in the yuletide ratings battle with ITV, has produced more than 150 hours of original entertainment and drama as well as special Christmas litions of its most

popular shows, from Only Fools and Horses to Casualty. Twenty-four blockbuster films, including Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, Shirley Valentine and When

Harry Met Sally, will receive

their television premiere over the holidays on BBC1 and Film buffs will also get a season of Hitchcock thrillers and Astaire and Rogers musicals plus three films starring Michelle Pfeiffer.

Ruby Wax joins The Comic Strip to hunt down a deliant Wild Turkey for Christmas, while Lenny Henry explores fantasy and nightmares In Dreams. Victoria Wood, Harry Enfield. Jasper Carrot and the compulsively uncouth Rab C. Nesbitt will provide comedy specials, while Clive James will host another irreverent look at

Terry Wogan, top of the ratings last year with clips from the cutting-room floor. reveals other comic clangers in More Auntie's Bloomers. BBC2 will devote an entire evening to Granada Television. ITV's oldest company. on the eve of the biggest shakeup ever seen in commercial when licences television change hands on January 1.

Musical output will

spearheaded by a live concert. from Vienna featuring Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras with Diana Ross. Opera high-lights include La Cenerentola, Rossini's version of the Cinderella fairytale, and Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado. Ballet highlights include the late Kenneth MacMillan's Winter Dreams and The Hard Nut, an unconventional version of The Nutcracker.

Special seasonal pro-grammes include In The Beginning, an animated ation with the voices of John Cleese and Michael Hordern. In This Is The Day. Roy Castle celebrates the festive season he thought he might not live to

The Queen's Christmas

message will be broadcast on both channels. BBC1's Bernard and the Genie, the story of a hip genie transposed from 30 BC to modern Britain, was yesterday named best TV comedy in the Radio Times Comedy and Drama Awards. It starred Lenny Henry and was a ratings hit last Christmas.

Sue Johnston, best known as Sheila Grant in Brookside, won BBC2 an award for best





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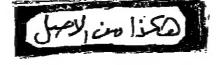


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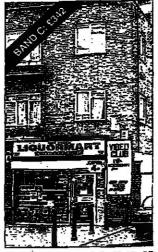
Grumbles and glee greet council tax figures













The homes: Hugo and Jennifer Patten, Band H, estimate £769; Hilary Keenlyside, Band F, £415.50 with discount; the Greaneys, Band C, £342; Heathcliff O'Mailey, Band D, £385; Sunny Patel, Band C, £342; and the council valuations

The cost of local government in one London street: £86 to £769

By JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

FOR people living in and around Ladbroke Grove in west London, the new council tax means they will have to pay between £86 and £769 depending on the band their home falls into and the number of people in their home. This year, each paid £229 in poll tax to Kensington and Chelsea council.

Julie Greaney lives with her mother and two brothers in a three-bedroom council flat in Kensal House, at the north end of Ladbroke Grove. The family pays £40 rent a week.

Everyone in the block has been asking: 'Oh, how much is this new tax going to be? We don't know anything about it, said Miss Greaney, 24, who works in a bank. Now the Greaneys will receive a bill of £342, if estimates by the Association of London Authorities are correct, and they will divide it between them. Anything that means paying less money is good news," she

Hugo and Jennifer Patten live in a five-bedroom house with garden in Blenheim Crescent, just off Ladbroke Grove. Their combined polltax bill this year was £458.

The council tax will have a varied financial impact next year on people living in an area of west London who each paid £229 in the last year of the poll tax regime

will pay £769 for their house, which is in the top band. H.
"We haven't had the house
valued, but our neighbours
sold up recently for half a
million." said Mr Patten, who used to work for BP. "Of course, it will be worth less now because of the depression, but we bought it for £12,000 in 1968 so we are not

The Pattens will still be paying less than their last rates bill, which was £939. The council tax will put us back where we were before," he

I understood the rationale of the poll tax, in fact I supported it. It's ridiculous having people voting them-selves infinite largess. But it's true we had benefited quite well from it."

Hilary Keenlyside, an arts consultant, will pay an esti-mated £415.50, including her 25 per cent single person's discount, for her two-bedroom flat in Ladbroke Grove which she bought for £86,000 in

March. Her flat is in band F for properties estimated at between £120,000 and

£160,000. "Unlike most people, my property has probably gone up in value because I have done very angry that she would be paying more under the council tax because she is single.

"It's ridiculous. That's more than double what I paid before. I'm certainly going to appeal," she said. "It's irritating that it will go up, especially because if I were living with someone I would have had to pay only half and my bill would have gone down. "There is no logic to local

taxation. I have moved across the road from Westminster, where the poll tax is £36, and I do not feel I am getting anything more here. If I could see that the rubbish was being collected better or the streets were deaner here I might think it was worth it." Sunny Patel lives with his

three-bedroom council flat above his off-licence at 337 Ladbroke Grove, which was worth £100,000 two years ago. "It will be worth a bit less now, because business is down," he said. Next year, his council tax will be an estimated £342, slightly below what he pays now.

It's too much really. because my wife doesn't work so I have to pay it all myself," he said. "But I live in the property so I guess that means it's up to me to pay it."

Heathcliff O'Malley has

been paying £50 a week in rent since he moved into his flat at 224b Ladbroke Grove in July. Mr O'Malley, a cycle courier, shares the flat with two other people. "We are renting it from estate agents who are failing to sell it. They are asking £78,000," he said. "I used to pay £400 a year poll tax when I lived in Richmond, so already I am better off courier, shares the flat with living in Kensington." If he splits the bill equally with his flatmates, he will pay £128.33.

"I don't see what the council do with the money," he said.
"The parent teacher association at my little brother's school gets 40 per cent of its funding from donations from parents. It's disgraceful."



Low banding: Pamela Thompson of Twickenham

How to calculate your estimated bill

By RACHEL KELLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

THE figures in the table from Authorities show the estimated council tax figure for Band D properties - worth £68,000 to £88,000 in England, £51,000 to £66,000 in Wales, and £45,000 to

Lists of draft valuations displayed by most councils yesterday at town halls and local branches of the Valuation Office agency tell house-holders which band their property is in.

The tax for each band is a proportion of the Band D, or tandard, tax. So by taking the figure for the estimated tax for Band D homes, you bands. For example, a bouse in Band H will pay twice the Band D tax, and a house in

Although the figures are a good idea of what to expect hen councils set their tax

John Blundell, finance under-secretary of the Torycontrolled Association of DisWHAT YOU PAY

A 67% or two thirds B 78% or seven ninths C 89% or eight ninths

assume that the work is accurate and unchallengeable. But the figures are based on assumptions about the actions of individual authorities. which nobody knows yet. They should be treated with caution by homeowners to give a rough estimate."

Tony Travers, a local gov-London School of Economics. that it is a Labour-controlled about levels of councils' reserves, how much of them they will use, levels of collection of council tax. That's the

An association spokesman said the figures had been

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Release of war files reveals how Alderney was left abandoned

BY MARCUS BINNEY

THE publication of secret documents about the occupation of the Channel Islands has re-ignited debate about the islanders' traumatic years under the Nazis. Yesterday they were still defending their reputation against charges of

On Jersey, they were quick to point out that many of them fought in the British forces against the Germans, and that the whole island's militia left shortly before the invasion and enrolled as the 11th Battalion of the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

Other Channel islanders managed to escape, including Jersey's present bailiff, Sir Peter Crill, who rowed to France in a 12ft dinghy under the noses of the Germans in November 1944.

those who profited from black-market trading and those women, dubbed "Jerrybags", who had affairs with German soldiers. Many of them were tarred and feathered immedintely after the war. Some left: others remained only to find themselves pictured in snap-shots obtained by people col-lecting relics of the occupation

from German soldiers. Many opportunities, however, were taken to hinder the German war effort. Nigel Gee, the Guernsey historian, said: "When it was known that tomatoes were destined for

In Sark, Germans someoutnumbered local Following British commando raids on the is-

Germany, they were squashed so they would be rotten on

Sister fought to clear collaborator's name

PERSONAL letters are among the most poignant documents in the files (Ray Clancy writes). One woman wrote directly to King George VI pleading for her brother's

name to be deared. Felicity Giles, then of Sandhurst, Kent, believed that her brother, James Gilbert, had been wrongly accused of assisting the enemy. He was a conscientious objector who moved to Jersey to find agricultural work. According to the official records, he volunteered to help the Germans and went to Germany where he broadcast propaganda urging the British people to give up the war in the interests of

But in her letter, Mrs Giles insists that her brother was forced to go to Germany and made to work for the radio station by being beaten up and told he would be sent to a concentration camp if he did

"Your Majesty, we are in very great trouble," she began her letter, on bright-blue paper, dated July 16, 1946.

much of your time. I would not but for the danger of a great miscarriage of justice," the letter ended.

But officials' handwritten notes on the file cast doubt on the family version. "It is evident that she is not aware of the fact that her brother voluntarily offered his services to the enemy and in fact went out of his way to do so," says one. Gilbert was eventually sentenced to nine months in jail by the Old Bailey in September 1946.

Another emotional appeal was made on behalf of a German commander by Sir Ambrose Sherwill, then Bailiff of Guernsey. In a letter to Sir Frank Newssam at the Home Office in August 1949, he wrote that the efforts of Colo-nel Fritz Bandelow "saved me and a lot of others from death or long terms of imprisonment when we were caught helping two British officers, who came to reconnoitre in Guernsey." He asked for the government to help find a good job for Bandelow, possibly in the German frontier

people were interned in Germany, including not only British-born citizens, but local families, one of which had ten

In Jersey, Mrs John Appleby (nee Du Feu) re-called: "People never locked their doors and German soldiers always walked in without knocking. Early on in the occupation an officer came in demanding a chicken. My mother said we had none, so he marched her out into the farmyard and seized a cockerel by the neck. She was so incensed she shook him till he dropped it. Afterwards whenever he went past he saluted. In France he would have been shot for that kind of reaction."

Immediately after the inva-sion of Normandy, the family had a map of France on the kitchen wall and used to put pins in to show the latest allied successes reported on the radio. "As the news the Germans heard was quite different, they never spotted what was happening," said Mrs

Appleby. Soon after the German landing in Jersey, a group of farmers approached the commandant to ask if they could continue to hold a weekly ARP (air raid precaution) practice in the parish hall - he agreed. not knowing that it was a forum for collecting the latest information on German

mines and defences. One fear of the islanders was that they would be sent to do forced labour in Germany. Much of Jersey's surplus labour was employed on building North Marine Drive, a completely useless stretch of road. Make sure it's never fin-

ished," were their instructions. The Germans were keen to exploit the propaganda value of occupied British soil. The conductor of a German military band once astounded locals by asking all those who wished him to play God Save the King to raise their right bands. Photographs appeared shortly after in the Berlin papers captioned: "British citizens give Nazi salute".

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Encroaching enemy: Alderney's trapped citizens were left close to panic



E SUBSPICE OF SUBS IRA bomb injures 27 in shopping precinct

Twenty-seven people were injured resterday, at least one seriously, when an IRA incendiary bomb exploded in the centre of Belfast about 90 seconds after a ten-minute warning had been given. The explosion, just before 10am, started a fire in the offices of a travel agent in a busy pedestrian precinct. Most of the injured were women working in the offices, but one man suffered serious burns and was in intensive care.

The IRA later admitted launching what appears to have been a bungled firebomb attack, which might mark the beginning of a new incendiary campaign against shops in the run-up to Christmas.

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A second bomb was reported to have exploded later at a car components shop in Ormeau Avenue, Belfast. Police said there were no reports of injuries.

Divorce girl's case ends

The 14-year-old girl who took legal action to gain the right to live away from her parents was reconciled with them under a private agreement reached in the High Court yesterday. The girl, of Ulford, northeast London, had been troubled by pressures at home after her parents' divorce. Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, who presided, did not disclose whether she had been granted her wish to continue living with the family of her 18 year-old boy friend. Under the agreement, the girl will remain a ward of court.

EC police plan falters

Proposals to establish a European Coman Proposals to establish a European Community police network on January 1 were set back yesterday when justice ministers meeting in London could not agree on the site of its headquarters. They spent nearly two hours discussing The Hagne, Strasbourg and Rome for Europa's permanent base and the nationality of its first full-time co-ordinator. The dispute will be referred to the EC heads of government summit in Edinburgh later this month. If they are near the seconds of the second of the seconds of the seconds of the seconds of the seconds of the second of the summit in Edinburgh later this month. If they cannot agree, the Europol plans could be delayed for months.

Defendant attacked

George Heron, the man accused of murdering Nikki Allen, a seven-year-old Sunderland girl, has been wounded in an attack while in Durham prison awaiting trial. He received cuts above an eye, one of which required four stitches. Mr Heron, 23, has been in the prison since he was charged six weeks ago. Another immate allegedly confronted him on Friday and is now facing an enquiry that is expected to result

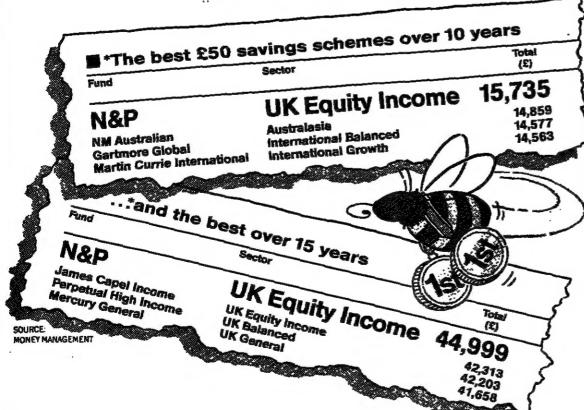
Churches lobby MPs

More than 2,000 people from church groups around Britain lobbled MPs at Westminster, London, yesterday in a plea for the government to tackle homelessness and had housing. The Churches' National Housing Coalition, which organised the lobby, is calling for 100,000 new affordable homes each year during this decade.

Waugh home for sale

The former home of the author Evelyn Waugh has been put up for sale at £1 million, £250,000 less than when it was sold four years ago. Piers Court at Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire, an Elizabethan house with Georgian façade and Victorian interior; was sold by the author in 1956 for £9,500. It is being offered by the agents Knight, Frank and Rutley.

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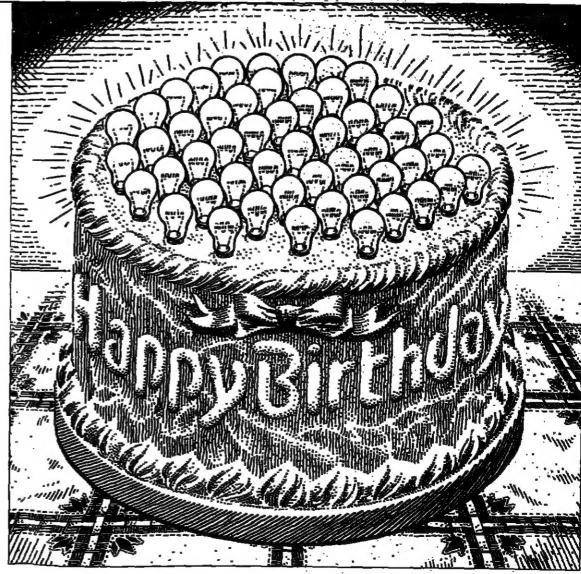
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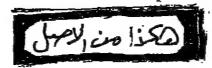
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Mackay starts review of judges' workload

THE Lord Chancellor has conceded the case for action to tackle the shortage of judges which the Lord Chief Justice. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, said was becoming a "national

Responding to comments made by Lord Taylor in his Dimbleby Lecture, broadcast on Monday, Lord Mackay of Clashfern yesterday said that one responsibility of those in government was to "listen to constructive criticism".

He did not promise more High Court judges, but told BBC television that he had taken account" of the views of Lord Taylor and set up a working party on how High Court judges were deployed, which he hoped would resolve

Lord Mackay's swift re-sponse, in which he said that the Lord Chief Justice's au-thority was "of the utmost respect", could be seen as a wish to avoid repetition of the strained relationship between him and Lord Taylor's prede-

cessor, Lord Lane The question of resources for the High Court is the first over which Lord Taylor and Lord Mackay have clashed.

matter between the Lord Chancellor and Lord Lane. Behind the rhetoric however, the Lord Chief Justice acknowledges that, as with legal aid, the real battle is with the Treasury. At a time of strin-gency in public spending. Lord Mackay needs statistics to make a convincing case that judges are working at full capacity, are not "wasting time" in handling cases which could be handled at a lower

are not caused by inefficiency. The difficulties centre on the mounting backlogs of cases. Delays, with costs, are still the law's biggest failing, despite recent reforms to the civil courts in which a large amount of work was devolved from the High Court to the county court.

judicial tier and that the delays

There are 83 High Court judges, but that is not enough to tackle the huge numbers of cases, many of which are being handled instead by QCs or circuit judges sitting as deputy High Court judges. In a Lords debate last

month, Lord Taylor said the situation was intolerable and gave warning that, by January, "there will be no High Court judges available" to try civil cases at all. He predicted that the situation would soon truly become a national disgrace and be seen as such by the public". It would become apparent that "the system has almost broken down". His language is a measure

of his concern and he is not alone. The senior judge of the commercial court, Mr Justice Saville, is so concerned about he has begun a campaign to drive home the message to the Lord Chancellor. Big City institutions such as the Baltic Exchange, the British Bankers' Association, the Association of British Insurers, Lloyd's of London and the Department of Trade and Industry support him and are expected to discuss their concerns soon with the Lord

Usually, the commercial court can just manage its workload with its full six judges. At present, it operates with five and may only have four in January because not all judges who retire are replaced. Now the court is struggling with a backlog that could not be wiped out even if the full complement of six judges was provided at once.

Judges in other divisions face similar difficulties. Lord Taylor is particularly concerned that, in the Court of Appeal criminal division, people are "languishing in prison for months awaiting their appeals, which if success ful, will show that they should not have been there at all".

In judicial review, in which people challenge decisions by public authorities, delays were intolerable. People by statute have to lodge an application for judicial review in three months. But the waiting time of 18 months before a case is heard makes that rule absurd,

Lord Taylor says. In the Chancery division, the delay for cases of more than three days is 22 months. In the Employment Appeal Tribunal, presided over by a High Court judge, there is a backlog of 930 appeals.

In the Lords debate, Lord irvine of Lairg said the single most important cause of delay in the High Court was the "shortage of full-time judge power". By January, there would no be High Court judges to try such cases as sional negligence claims and big breach of contract actions. He queried whether long-term use of deputy judges was lawful.

The working party, set up by Lord Taylor and Lord Mackay, will not report for several months. Lord Mackay will be under pressure to expedite its findings.

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Lawyers join forces to give free legal aid

A GROUP of 24 of the City's leading law firms and barristers' chambers have formed a funding consor-tium that will help victims of the recession obtain free

housing and employment. The firms and chambers involved have each committed themselves to up to E5,000 a year over two years. They include Clyde & Co. Ince & Co. Clifford Chance; Cameron Markby, Denton Hall; Theodore Goddard; Boodle Hatfield; Charles Russelk Stephenson Harwood; Farrer & Co, Trowers

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More recruits are needed if the group is to meet its target. It aims to raise £185,000 from the legal profession to fund three

The initiative launched yesterday, has the backing with the interests of their

Although driven by the recession, the scheme has its origins in the free (pro bono) work done for CABs by commercial solicitors and barristers for many years.

There is a spin-off for the firms in that their trainees can experience work differ-ent from the world of commercial law. It also gives young lawyers a chance to have a much bigger role in a



Winning smîle: social worker Debbie Owen, 32, of Catford, southeast London, named Working Mother Of The Year yesterday by the Working Mothers Association, with her children Dominic and Faye

Surgery computer thefts raise fears of blackmail

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SHARP rise in the theft of computers from doctors' sur-geries has led to increasing records falling into the hands of burglars and potential blackmailers.

In the past six months, the number of general practitioners seeking advice from the office of the data protection registrar after the theft of a surgery computer has risen by nearly 700 per cent.

The office believes that most thieves do not want patient records and just want to sell the computers. But officials fear that files could include delicate information on someone in public life that the purchaser of the stolen computer might decide to use

"Even a local VIP could be at risk. Their patient records could be used by someone for blackmail purposes. It is a very dangerous situation," said the

The office, based in Wilmslow, Cheshire, has heard of 20 thefts during the past six months but believes this is the tip of the iceberg as holders of personal, electronically held information are not legally required to report a theft. Until this year, there had been about six of the thefts The act's eighth principle

does, however, require GPs to have tight security to protect patient records held

Eric Howe, the data protection registrar, yesterday

warned GPs to review their security and said they could otherwise be breaking the law.

Steps must be taken to ensure that even if a computer that even if a computer. is stolen, easy access to the data held on it is barred and the information is backed up on files held elsewhere," he

"Good security also requir commonsense disciplines that might be as simple as storing disks in lockable fireproof cabinets."

Changes in the way general practice is hunded and the grants for computerising surgeries have led to an explosion records held electronically. About 7,000 NHS practices are believed to keep patient records in this way.

Simon Jenkins, a family doctor in Manchester and the chairman of the British Medical Association's GP subcommittee on computing, yester-day denied suggestions that security at surgeries was lax.

The committee has recently circulated a code of practice to advise GPs on how to meet the act and keep computer records safe, said Dr Jenkins. The code, which has been endorsed by Mr Howe, included keeping the computer in a secure room and the use of passwords to prevent access by unauthorised people.

Dr Jenkins said that stealing computers was part of a neral increase in surgery thefts, which were often drug

By OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

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London citizens' advice bureaux with extra resources - human and financial - to help them cope with the mounting number of people seeking advice on debt,

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of the Court of Appeal judge Sir Leonard Hoffmann, who is chairman of the appeal committee. He said it "enables solicitors and barristers to combine public spirit bers in providing excellent training for the young".

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Pioneers of N-test back expansion

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

FIFTY years after the first controlled nuclear fission reaction, two veterans of that experiment yesterday called for greater investment in

Harold Agnew and Warren Nyer, who were present in Chicago on December 2. 1942, when a team under the direction of Enrico Fermi brought the first reactor into operation, said yesterday that nuclear power was safe, reliable and deserved support. The two will take part in

conference at the Science Museum in London today to mark the anniversary. Yesterday, they attended a press conference organised by the British Nuclear Forum, the trade association of the nuclear industry, which is attempting to ensure that the dispute over pit closures will not be resolved at the expense

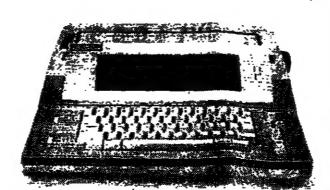
John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric, said that since the first plant came on stream at Calder Hall in 1956. Britain had generated 1,000 billion units of nuclear electricity, worth £30 billion at present prices. The industry will next week report a significant improvement in

half-yearly profits. This week's celebrations mark the golden jubilee of one tant tests: the demonstration that nuclear fission could be controlled, its energy released slowly enough to be used as a source of power. The achievement was a key step in developing the nuclear bomb.

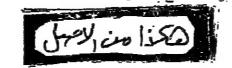
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Watery haven: more than 25,000 acres of The Wash were designated a memory of Sir Peter Scott, the naturalist and author and the founder of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, national nature reserve yesterday (John Young writes). The area, more

sandbanks, mudflats and marshes. The land has been leased by English Nature from the Crown Estate Commissioners for 17 years for 80p an icre. It has been dedicated to the

than twice the size of any other reserve

can to protect wildlife." In the 1930s, be lived in a lighthouse on the east bank of the river Nene, English Nature, the government's Birds where he established his first wildfowl official advisory body on nature con-

servation, has undertaken to work Derek Langslow, chief executive of closely with other interests including commercial fishermen, wildfowlers, English Nature, said yesterday: "Britain's estuaries are important in a the armed services and farmers. European and world context. At peak Management will be overseen by a

board with representatives from org-anisations including the National times, there can be more than 280,000 birds in The Wash alone. We have an international obligation to do all we Farmers' Union, water companies and the Royal Society for the Protection of

> The areais bordered on either side by smaller reserves already managed by English Nature, the RSPB and the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation. Together they make up 18 per

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Computer catwalk puts world of fashion into focus

EERIE human-like figures that walk across a computer screen swinging their hips to a throbbing beat have been created by researchers at Nottingham Trent

The humanoids, computer generated after detailed studies of the way the world's leading fashion models move, are part of research aimed at producing a virtual reality catwalk. Its development demon-

strates how computer technology is starting to transform one of the world's more conservative industries. The complexities of making lace, for example, mean that it can take two weeks and more than £10,000 to produce a sample. Consequently, lace designs are often still highly conservative.

Computer-aided design technology allows designers to make and weave a patterns on screen, enabling them to tackle new and imaginative ideas.

The carwalk concept, which is attracting interest from fabric firms such as Courtaulds and electronic companies including GEC Plessey, may transform the way fashion designers and garment-makers unveil the

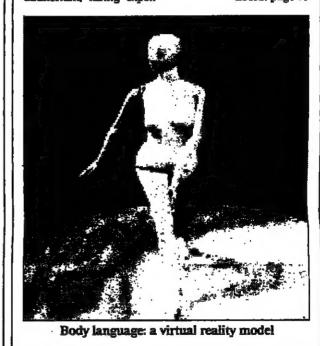
Instead of booking a vast auditorium, hiring expen-

sive flesh-and-blood models, lighting technicians and musicians, designers will be choreograph the world's most glamorous women and men in their studios for an audience of one or 100. Up-and-coming designers could take their designs to the buyers of leading top stores on a portable computer. Also, designers could parade their models in the streets of New York, inside the Taj Mahal or on a South Seas beach.

The virtual reality catwalk is the work of a team led by Stephen Gray, a senior research fellow and an adviser on computer-aided design and manufacturing to the Design Council. Details will be presented today in London at Investing in Design by Computer 1992, which has been organised by the council.

The project is intended to produce three-dimensional, computer generated skeletons to which will be linked muscle and flesh. "They would be your library of models. You could say, 'I want a Marie Helvin or a Naomi Campbell', Equally, you could have a model that looks like Naomi Campbell but walks like someone else," Mr Gray said.

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Parents tell of abuse

injustice THE ultimate sanction of taking a child away from its parents should be used only as a last resort, Tim Yeo, junior health minister, said yesterday. He was commenting on a report that outlined the impact on families of false accusations

of child abuse. Mr Yeo said that where there was evidence of abuse, it might be better for the family

to "work it out". An independent report by Dr Jon Prosser of Westminster College, Oxford, published by the group Parents Against Injustice, highlighted the suf-fering of 30 families where there was a wrong accusation of abuse. The report said that parents and carers suspected of abuse were being denied legal rights. Under the Children Act, parents have a right to give their opinion and to be kept informed on all stages of

an investigation.

The study showed that only one in five had been involved during all stages of child protection conferences. Another 16 per cent were involved in only part of the conferences.

All the case histories in Dr Prosser's report dated back to the mid-1980s — before the enquiry into the Cleveland child abuse scandal and well before the Children Act became law in October 1990. Parents said that they were assumed from the outset to be guilty and faced undue pres-sure to admit it. They suffered stress, trauma, financial pressure and marital problems. Mr Yeo told BBC Radio 4's

Today programme that the report was valuable as a reminder of the "terrible agony" which could be inflicted "by false accusations, by thoughtless, insensitive and even overzealous intervention by social

He added: "At the same time I do think we have to recognise the hideously difficult judgment for a social worker who is told that there may be abuse taking place in a family. If they ignore that completely and it turns out to be well-founded, then they are condemned for not taking action. The nuclear weapon of actually taking a child away should only be used in the very last resort."

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



bizarrely rapid switch from genuflection to pecyishness in regard to royalty in so many national newspapers? The answer, I suspect lies less in the much advertised "sea-change in public opinion" or in the behaviour of individual members of the royal family than in the age of

editors. These days, a newspaper editor can expect to hold on to his chair for about as long as a mafia boss in a barber's shop. The present gang are by and large in their late thirties and early forties, products of the sixties hippie generation. Twenty five years ago, they would have been preaching the merits of making love not war, wistfully hoping for the brotherhood of man and mouth-ing the lyrics of Bob Dylan over a selection of joss-

In the late sixties and early seventies, the world of journalism was pleasantly liberal, lazy and he-donistic, the perfect resting place for an thehippy. Ten years went by and suddenly after Eddie Shah and Wapping, journalists turned sober, thrusting and, above all affluent. Their new-found wealth and ambition meant that their natural guardian was no longer Labour or the Liberals but the Conserva-

tive party. The plot thickens. Looking for a handy way to appease their exsocialist hearts without incurring the wrath of their pockets. they turned to - and on -the royal family. But at least I'm still a republican," they can now snap back at their youthful

dreams. For those who want to remain old hippies at heart, calling for an end to the monarchy remains the only method that is entire ly tax free.

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Major's package tour of Europe overshadows empty ritual in the Commons

John Major is having a tough time as he visits European capitals ahead of next week's EC summit in Edinburgh. What he achieves on his package tour will have much more bearing on the Maastricht treaty than what happens on the floor of the Commons.

Yesterday's skirmishes on the committee stage of the bill were predictable and largely meaning-less. A familiar cast of characters raised points of order - Sir Teddy Taylor, William Cash, Nicholas Budgen, Richard Shepherd, Nigel Spearing, Tony Benn, Dennis Skinner, and even Sir Edward Heath, the godfather of the whole

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husiness. We will hear much more from them over the next six or seven months.

Thanks to the open-mindedness and firmness of Michael Morris. the deputy Speaker, who chairs the committee, points of order only lasted 83 minutes before the debate proper started. This was a brief interlude compared with the two days occupied in this way when the original EC entry bill was debated in 1972. It was all rather an empty ritual.

Proceedings on the bill will, for the moment, be a test of stamina and discipline, though there is always scope for mishaps on procedural votes. Judging by yesterday's listing of amendments, the most serious threat to the government will not occur until late February or March, when the European central bank and monetary union will

be considered. The main influence on the debates will be what is happening in the EC as a whole and, in particular, whether Denmark agrees to ratify. The bones of an Edinburgh declaration dealing with Danish concerns over citizen-

ship, defence and the like, have been prepared. In practice this issue, plus new guidelines on subsidiarity and a negotiating mandate on enlargement, will turn on whether a deal can be reached on future EC financing.

M any of the weekend head-like can be discounted. Little in the EC is resolved until the last minute. But even the normally optimistic Mr Major conceded yesterday after meeting Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, that there are very sharp differences" across the EC on

future financing. They managed, he said, to identify "many areas of difficulty". It was the same in Lisbon. After talks with the Portuguese government, Mr Major sounded downbeat, admining that summits often started with many things unresolved.

At issue are both the size of the EC budget and its distribution, with Spain and Portugal pressing for a larger cohesion fund to benefit low-income countries There are big differences within the EC between the wealthier northern states and the poorer There are two further twists

which have isolated Britain. First. both sides within the Tory party. pro-European and sceptic, are ideologically opposed to a big expansion of the EC budget, in contrast to the more interventionist approach of many Continental governments. Second, Britain's refusal to agree to any change in its painfully negotiated rebate has

brought much wider criticism. So Mr Major faces twin dangers in Edinburgh. First, that in order to reach a broader agreement covering Denmark, subsidiarity. and englargement, he has to make concessions on the budget which would anger many in his own

party and increase opposition to the Massricht bill making its passage much more difficult. Sec-ond, if the summit fails to each agreement or, more likely, ends with a face-saving formula which does not fully resolve the Danish issue—then the government will be able to the control of nor he able to get the bill through

The odds are still just, that some sort of commonise will be parched together. But both the future of the government's European policy and Mr Major's policial standing are at stake over the next ten days.

PETER RIDDELL

Euro-rebels offered hope of Maastricht referendum vote

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs MAY be allowed a vote on a referendum on the Maastricht treaty, the Commons was told yesterday as it embarked on what threatens to be months of bitter argument and procedural wrangling over the details of the European Communities lamend-

In a move calculated to appeal to Conservative and Labour Euro-sceptics alike, Michael Morris, the deputy Speaker, said he hoped they would find a way of "finessing" an amendment to the bill that was in order and would allow a vote to be taken.

Mr Morris, the chairman of the bill's committee stage, was

JOHN Major's tour of Euro-

pean capitals in the run-up to

the Edinburgh summit

reaches a critical point today

when he tests the Danish

government's reaction to pro-

posals aimed at helping Den-

mark ratify the Maastricht

Mr Major admitted "very

sharp differences" over future

financing of the EC after his

talks yesterday with Felipe González the Spanish prime minister, in Madrid. British

ministers believe a deal on

financing is the key to a successful outcome at Edin-

burgh but in Madrid, and

later in Lisbon, Mr Major

to his plans to out back the

increases in spending

proposed by Jacques Delors.

the European Commission

Without a satisfactory agree-ment for Denmark, the Mans-

tricht treaty will never be ratified. Today Mr Major will

tell Poul Schlouter, the Danish

prime minister, of the re-

sponse of EC governments so far to the idea of an Edin-

burgh declaration attempting

replying to protests from Sir Teddy Taylor and Tony Benn over his decision to disallow existing amendments seeking to engineer a vote on a referendum. The anti-Maastricht lobby is keen to force a division over a referendum because it believes the issue could provoke the kind of cross-party alliance that might subject ministers to an embar-

rassing defeat. Sir Teddy, a leading figure among the 26 Conservative MPs dedicated to disrupting the bill's passage, said that the people should be given a say over handing over their rights and freedoms to Brussels. Mr Morris has rejected all

Danish proposals face test

By PHILIP WEBSTER, AND EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

ries on the defence, citizen-

ship, interior justice and single

currency provisions of the

Denmark needs to be satis-

fied on those areas before it

can press ahead with a second

referendum next year, but Britain and the rest of the EC

are adamant that the treaty

should not be renegotiated.

The hope is that the declara-

tion will meet its worries

although there is a risk of

other countries demanding the special treatment accorded

to Denmark, particularly on

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González Mr Major said that

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attempts to date to table a referendum amendment on the grounds that the bill cannot be amended to require the spending of public funds. However, he invited Sir Teddy to continue searching for the right form of words to put the issue to the test. "If he shows his usual ingenuity and his usual degree of creativity, he may yet succeed, but there is no money resolution associat-

ed with this bill." Mr Benn, a former Labour cabinet minister, pleaded with Mr Morris to spare MPs the trouble of "playing games with the clerks" in trying to formulate an acceptable refer-

proposed by Mr Major. As a

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He called on Mr Major to

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that at the outset the public was entitled to know whether they had any rights in determining whether the treaty became law.

Mr Morris said he hoped MPs could find an amendment that was "appropriate and in order". They should "hone down" their amendments so that he could accept

The opening shots in what promises to be a long war of attrition between the Eurosceptics and the government were marked by a string of points of order in which MPs protested about Mr Morris's selection of amendments. sought clarification of the meaning of the treaty and swopped insults with their

opponents.
The sharpest clash came between Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, and Sir Edward Heath, the former prime minister. Mr Skinner. objecting to Mr Morris's meeting with MPs on Mon-day which led to press reports that the existing referendum motions would be rejected. said there was something "sin-ister" going on. When the government and the Opposition front benches were in agreement, views of backbenchers were treated with "disdain". Sir Edward hurried to the chairman's defence. Pledging support for Mr Morris, he said that he hoped Mr Skinner would withdraw his 'outrageous allegations" once

Twenty years ago, the first two days of the committee stage of the bill taking Britain the Common Market were given over to points of order. The opening skirmishing ended with a censure motion against the chair, which was predictably lost.

he calmed down.

Yesterday proved a brisker affair. After only 83 minutes, Sir Russell Johnston, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, got the debate under way by calling for the opening preamble to the treaty, setting out the goals of "ever closer union", to



House to House: a protester makes her point outside Parliament yesterday. More than 2,000 members of church groups lobbied had housing in a campaign organised by the National Housing Coalition. About 85 MPs signed an early day motion calling for greater

Union attacks Labour review group

LABOUR'S review of its links with the trade unions came under attack yesterday from one of the review's own trade

ties the Labour leadership is

union members. The attack by the AEEU engineering and electrical union on the failure of the review group to endorse fully the operation in key Labour party operations of the principle of one member, one vote underlines the public difficul-

likely to face over the issue of its links with the unions. The AEEU executive yester-

AEEU's member of the review group, said this idea was deeply flawed", that its cost day agreed to hold to the one ember, one vote principle. It would be "horrendous" and it said the union might draw up would give Militant and other a minority report for the party entryist groups a fresh opporconference if the review group tunity to come into the party. sticks to the idea of "registered supporters"-union members who pay the political levy — having a say in the selection

Mr Harris said yesterday that the review group had failed to address its terms of reference properly. and reselection of MPs. A paper to the executive

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Nigel Harris, the

AROUND THE

Borrie to lead study of poverty

The Labour party has asked Sir Gordon Borrie to undertake a review of Britain's tax and benefit system to redress the widening gap between the rich and the poor.

Sir Gordon, former director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, is to chair the party's commission of social justice. whose membership and terms of reference will be announced before the recess. Labour is expecting his study to mirror the Beveridge report published 50 years ago yesterday — which laid the foundations for the welfare state.

Power cut

Average electricity prices paid by industry have fallen by 12 per cent since the industry was privatised, Tim Eggar, energy minister, said in a written reply.

That's no lady

Laughter brought Commons question time to a halt when Tony Newton, Leader of the House, referred to Michael Fabricant (Mid Staffordshire, C), as "the Honourable Lady . Mr Newton apologised, saying the error had not been caused by deficient eyesight, but my sight-line" had been Labour's Joan Walley.

In Parliament

Commons (2,30): Ouestions: trade and industry. European Communities (amendment) bill, committee, second day. Lords (2.30): Debate on the Tomlinson report on hospital provision in

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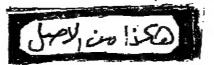
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London tells Peking Patten is set on reform

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and James Pringle in hong kong

BRITAIN yesterday warned China that its policy on Hong Kong would not be derailed nor would the government be intimidated by the propagan-da campaign against Chris Pattern, the governor.

"The propaganda points are designed to rock Hong Kong opinion, to undermine the Hang Seng index and the governor." a Whitehall official said. "They are not based on law or on negotiations. We are absolutely clear on that. This is a time for steady nerves. There are plenty of those in London and in Government House in

Hong Kong."
Whitehall would not comment on the attack in The Times by Sir Percy Cradock, a former foreign policy adviser to Margaret Thatcher, on British policy over Hong Kong. But one official remarked: "This government

to tear up the joint agreement, Britain would never unilaterplicitly guaranteed under the

Buthelezi draws up **Natal constitution**

By Michael Hamlyn in ulundi and Ray Kennedy

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the chief minister of the self-governing black home-land of KwaZulu, and presi-dent of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom party, yes-terday published a constitution for KwaZulu and Natal, the province that geographically contains it. The move is evidently intended to encourage discussion of a strongly federal future for South Africa.

The chief's constitution allocates to a federal republic of South Africa responsibility for the coinage, defence, international relations, communications — and for very little else. All other matters are reserved for the state of KwaZuhi/Natal. Even national taxation may not be raised in the putative state without its con-

The constitution was approved in Uhundi yesterday morning by Chief Buthelezi's obedient KwaZulu legislative assembly, and the next step, he said, was for a referendum to be held throughout KwaZulu and Natal to approve it. The and this governor have no intention of being derailed by the current Chinese campaign. We'll just batten down and get on with it."

Despite threats from Peking

ally renounce the agreement. "That would leave us with nothing. There would be no way to make preparations for the future," the official said. Britain insisted that the shipping terminal contracts were valid under international law, and such contracts were ex-

joint declaration. in Hong Kong, Mr Patten said he would not abandon his proposals to widen democracy despite a falling stock market, which yesterday plummeted a further 308 points, causing

document would be submitted to the Joint Executive Authority, a device set up in 1986 to marry the interests of the province with those of KwaZulu. The South African government would be unlikely to block the move, as President de Klerk has already said that a federal future is his preferred solution to protecting the in-

terests of cultural minorities. Yesterday a senior official of the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of Pan Africanist Congress, stated that it had carried out the attack on a golf club function in King William's Town in which four whites were killed and 17 people injured, the South African Press Association reported. The official said that there would be further attacks.

Two South African policemen were murdered in a black township yesterday, bringing to ten the number killed since the weekend. Both those who were killed yesterday in Daveyton, east of Johannesburg, were black.

right way for me to respond in the present circumstances is to abandon the position which I believe to be rational," he told anxious members of the Legis-lative Council, the group he would like to re-shape into a

feisty parliamentary body.
"I remain keen on dialogue, keen on rational discussion and keen on mobilising as much consent as possible for need to be in place for 1995," when elections are to be held.

Reporting to a special legislative session on his recent visits to Canada, Britain and Japan, Mr Patten noted that he planned to introduce legislation on his proposals ex-panding democracy before the end of February, a showdown date when the council will have to approve them risking Chinese fury or not. However, a spokesman for the Chinese side in the Joint Liaison Group, set up to pave the way to a smooth transition in 1997, said last night that the Hong Kong government should supply a list of all franchises straddling the 1997 period; these affect companies involved in electricity, telecommunications, harbour tunnels and transport

Ronald Arculli, a council member, said last night that Mr Patten had failed to offer any sign of hope in overcoming the apparent impasse in Sino-British relations. He noted that Mr Patten kept asking for proposals better than his own. "In effect, that is like asking people not to make any

Lord Howe of Aberavon arrived in Peking yesterday at the head of a delegation investigating human rights abuses. He will meet Wu Xueqian, former foreign ☐ Eurorail link: China inau-

gurated a rail link stretching across Asia to Europe yesterday when a freight train left Lianyugang in Jiangsu prov-ince on a 6,700-mile journey to Rotterdam in The Netherlands. (Reuter)

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Shocking news: Amy Fisher, 18, listening as a New York judge passed sentence on her yesterday. Her victim asked that Fisher serve at least 7½ years

Girl jailed for shooting love rival

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

A TEENAGE girl from Long Island was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison yesterday for shooting the wife of a man she said was her boyfriend. The case, known in New York as the "Teen Attraction

love-triangle shooting", at-tracted national attention and turned 18-year-old Amy Fisher from a rebellious schoolgirl into one of the city's most notorious crooks, dubbed "Long Island Lolita" by the

city's press.

Sentencing Fisher for the shooting of Mary Jo Buttafuoco, whose husband Joey Buttafuoco demes having an affair with the teenager, the New York judge said: "Your acts . . . were not spontaneous. For many months, you had staiked Mary Jo Buttafuoco, like a wild animal stalks its prey. To this court you are no celebrity. In the eyes of this court you are a tragedy and a disgrace. You deserve no less than the maximum sentence I can impose by law. Motivated by lust and passion, you were a

walking stick of dynamite with the fuse lit."

Mrs Buttafuoco, 37, who was left partially disabled by the shooting, asked the judge to recommend that Fisher serve at least seven-and-a-half years in prison before becom-ing eligible for parole.

NEWS IN BRIEF **Journalists** restricted by Israel

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Gatt deal

Jerusalem: Israel's govern-ment indefinitely suspended the press accreditations of correspondents working for an American and a British

tary censorship. Uri Dromi, head of the from Carol Rosenberg of the Miami Herald and Ian Black of The Guardian. He said four other foreign correspondents, including Richard Beeston of The Times, would be summoned for a formal warning. Suspension of accreditation severely limits reporting.
"The reason was severe

censorship violations by writing the stories about the Tse'elim accident without submitting them to military cen-sorship," Mr Dromi said. Rosenberg wrote that the November 5 missile accident,

in which five soldiers were Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the Hezbollah guerrilla leader in Lebanon.

Black said Israeli officials had encouraged foreign publi-cation of details of the accident in an effort to inform their own people. The Israeli media focused on the feuding inside the military after the incident, but did not disclose details. (Reuter)

US jets collide

Harlem, Montana: Two US military jets on a refuelling mission collided and crashed near the Canadian border. All 13 people aboard were feared killed. In Texas a B-1 B bomber crashed during a training flight. Rescuers were searching for its four crew.(AP)

Sikhs kill 16

Delhi: Sikh militants shot dead 16 Hindus after hijacking a bus near Ludhiana in Punjab. Police said the extremists separated the Hindus from Sikhs and women before killing them. (Reuter)

UN blocked

Bangkok: The Thai military restricted UN flights to Cambodia after the security council ordered sanctions against the Khmer Rouge. The military is suspected of having dealings with the Khmer Rouge.

Family loses claim to US island lost in war

By BEN MACINTYRE

What may well be the final battle of the American Revolution ended bloodlessly this week when the US Supreme Court ruled that the descendants of a British loyalist had no right to ownership of a 445-acre island off New York State which was seized by Ameri-can revolutionaries in 1779.

For three years the Wickham family has sought to prove that a distant ancestor, a sheep farmer and local magistrate named Parker Wickham, was unfairly de-prived of his island off the eastern coast of Long Island by vengeful revolutionaries. and that the land should be returned to them so it can be made into a nature reserve.

However, on Monday the Supreme Court upheld an earlier ruling, saying that the family had waited 200 years too long before making their

When the war broke out in 1775, Wickham chose to remain a loyal subject of George III — this was hardly surprising since the British still controlled most of New York "Long Island was enemy-occupied for seven years," says John Wickham, one of Wickham's descendants, adding that "everybody made accommodation".

The luckless Wickham was subsequently kidnapped and imprisoned by the American revolutionaries and his land

was confiscated by the New York legislature. Wickham's descendants argued that New York technically had no jurisdiction over the area at the time, and requested the Supreme Court to overturn the 1779 Act of Attainder by which Wickham and 58 other Tories were reduced to landless penury.

The largest uninhabited island in this part of America, Robin's Island (so named for the flocks of robins which spend the winter there) looks much as it did in 1779, with thick woods, herds of wild deer and unspoiled beaches. The Wickhams' claim, supported by a coalition of environmental groups.

argued that Robin's Island should be left in its pristine state, and they cited none other than Benjamin Franklin in defence. The 1783 Treaty of Peace, drafted by Franklin as well as other preminent American lawyers of eminent American lawyers of the day and their British counterparts, fixed no time limit on claims for restitution arising out of the American War of Independence.

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The island was originally purchased in 1715 by Parker Wickham's grandfather, Joseph Wickham, but a New York appeals court ruled last March that "even if Joseph Parker Wickham had a right to title in Robin's island, he and his heirs slept on this right for over two centuries".

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Farmers converge on Strasbourg in fierce Gatt deal protest

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

WITH a little help from their neighbours and some Asian rice growers, France's angry farmers staged a 50,000strong anti-American demonstration in Strasbourg yesterday, burning effigies and firing rockets to hammer home their hatred of the EC-American farm deal agreed under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gan).

A motley multinational cortege four miles long wove through the picturesque streets around the edge of old Strasbourg to the Meinau stadium after militants of the CNJA young farmers' union lit a bonfire under the likenesses of Carla Hills, the American trade negotiator, President Bush and Ray MacSharry, the EC agricul-tural commissioner. "Gatt equals misery and hunger" expressed the common sentiment of the mass of French. Germans, Italians, Spanish, Austrians, Swiss, Irish, Belgians, Japanese and South Koreans. Half a dozen militants were injured in scuffles with the police, one losing a hand after being struck by a

The demonstration, under gloomy grey skies, served a double purpose. It reminded



Hills: anti-American crowd burnt effigy

French peasants went to town with rockets for the Americans and set off fireworks to support their president. The peaceful Japanese and Koreans came too

President Mitterrand that the farmers would not be appeased and it helped the government to convince its European pariners that not only was France up in arms over the Gatt accord but some of their own citizens were

joining in.

In the early evening, fire-crackers and rockets, all fired by the French, shrieked and banged over the crowded stadium as the show of peasant force culminated with a fiery speech by Luc Guyau, the leader of the FNSEA mainstream farmers' union. When they meet in Edinburgh next week, "the European leaders must listen to us," he shouted above the din. "They must say no to fallow land and yes to Europe. Our combat is just. The road is long but victory will be ours. December] marks the end of the American monopoly of the world food market."

The demonstrators may all have been men of the land only a half dozen women could be seen in a sea of ruddyfaced toilers — but their diver-sity was striking. At one extreme were the French "revolutionary guard", the battlehardened veterans of many a campaign, from the Lille motorway to the Paris agriculture ministry. These troops, driven by bus from all corners of France, tangled with the riot police as they tried to stage a ilanking action towards the parliament building and the American embassy. The injuries came after a tear-gas

When they were not tearing up street signs and damaging cars, the bulk of the hardliners, thousands strong. spent their time shooting rockets and bird-scarers, explosive flares which are designed to

give crows the impression of incoming artillery. Favourite targets for these were women who opened balcony windows to watch the angry paysans go by. Several windows were

This behaviour, mainly tolgovernment orders to humour the much-loved and hardpressed peasants, did not amuse the small clump of Britons marching for the National Farmers' Union. "We are here as a question of solidarity." Martin Haworth, of the NFU, said. "We're disappointed by some of the behaviour we are seeing."

Next to the French in creativity came the young Italians, nearly 2,000 strong, who were shepherded by elegantlyclad gentlemen farmers of the Coltivatori Diretti, the main union. Smartly dressed. some played football with Coca-Cola cans while others waved at watching admirers. Most numerous among the foreigners were about 5,000 Germans who had crossed the Rhine to lend mainly peaceful support. In this new ideological

struggle, the organisers had joined forces with the other traditional enemy of EC protectionists, the Japanese. Marching with his 12 representatives of the Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives. Mitskuku Horfuchi, the union president. said the American attempts to force open Japanese rice markets in the Gatt round amounted to a destablising blow to society. Asked what he thought of French farmers' tactics, Mr Horiuchi remained diplomatic. They are different, but when in Rome, do as the Romans."



Call to action: "Advent -- Germany is burning, and you all just watch!" says the graffiti allowed by Dortmund's youth office

Neo-Nazi 'admits' arson

From Anatol Lieven in bonn

TWO German right-wing extremists have been charged with murder in connection with the arson attack last week in the town of Mölln in which a Turkish woman and two children died.

Michael Peters, 25, the leader of a local extremist group, and Lars Christiansen, 19, allegedly threw petrol bombs into the homes of two Turkish families. Herr Peters then allegedly telephoned the fire service and announced the fires, adding: "Heil Hitler!" According to the federal

prosecutor's office, Herr Christiansen confessed yesterday after police confronted him with evidence. Eight other members of Herr Peters' group have been charged with involvement in arson attacks. Meanwhile, two more rightwing extremists were charged yesterday with an attack on a home for asylum seekers in the western town of Winsen. rorism in the 1970s and 80s.

Peter Hintze, secretary-get eral of Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrat party, yesterday linked the need to combat right-wing extremism with the need to ratify the Maastricht treaty. He said: "Europe stands at a crossroads. It will be decided this decade which way Europe will go: forwards to co-operation in a European union or backwards into the conflicts of the 19th century."

The arrests in Mölln are a breakthrough for Alexander von Stahl, the federal prosecufrom police. There have been numerous calls for the federa prosecutor to direct a general campaign against neo-Nazism, as happened in the struggle against left-wing ter-

Herta Daübler-Gmelin, deputy chairman of the opposition Social Democrats, called for an all-party commit-tee similar to that set up then by Helmut Schmidt. Such a move appears possible, in view of the growing co-operation between the main parties.

Reinhard Göhner, deputy justice minister, suggested yesterday that pardons be granted to suspecis who turned state witnesses, and his Christian

German parties agree Maastricht conditions

By Anatol Lieven

WHEN the Bundestag meets today to ratify the Maastricht treaty, it will also stipulate conditions designed to protect German sovereignty and interests. These are the product of the scepticism over European unity which has devel-oped in Germany in recent

The agreement yesterday between the main political parties on these conditions ensures the treaty's ratification. The most important element will be an addition to the constitution stating that any transfer of German sovereign-

thirds majority of both houses of parliament.

The government will be bound to consult the Bundestag before any new European legislation and to respect its views during negotiations. Parliament will also have a right of veto over entry into a single European currency.
The ruling Christian Demo-

cratic Union's spokesman on Europe, Peter Kittelmann, said that his party hoped that ratification would give a "clear impulse" for Britain and Denmark to follow suit.

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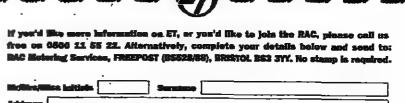


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US task force nears Mogadishu

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON

AN AMERICAN amphibious task force could be ready to put troops ashore in Mogadishu by tonight. The force led by the USS Tripoli and based in the Gulf region was

approaching Somalia last night. The force includes about 2,000 marines, tanks and attack and cargo helicopters. The likely scenario is that this force would make an amphibious landing to secure Mogadishu's port and airfield, and thereafter other American troops would establish up to half a dozen secure regional centres to receive and distribute humanitarian aid. The United Nations Security

Council last night was expected to authorise large-scale military intervention under US command, de spite the preference of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretarygeneral, for the world organisation to retain control of the international force. In their first reactions to Washington's offer of up to 30,000 American troops, most council members appeared ready to accept the American stipulation that its force should remain under US command.

The British government will begin urgent talks with Save the Children and other aid agencies to warn them that it intends to give strong support to the armed intervention in Somalia, and may offer logistic support from ships in the Indian Ocean

Whitehall officials said they would urge any aid agencies still opposing intervention to think again. They said the attempt to negotiate with local warlords was not working, and 80 per cent of aid was not getting through. Aid agencies have expressed fears that the arrival of the troops would make aid workers a target for hostage taking by Somali fighters. Britain backs the UN secretarygeneral, in his contention that only armed intervention, either by one country with UN backing, or under UN command, can now ensure the



Rule of the gun: warring factions have disrupted international food aid to starving Somalis. Now the Americans are ready to send in their troops

government believes that in the absence of any government, the Americans and the international community may have to set up a framework administration in Somalia before peace-keepers can

negotiate the withdrawal of forces. Of the five permanent members of the 15-nation council, only China had reservations about the US plan, diplomats said. "There is only one option," said a council delegate from a non-aligned country as consultations continued yesterday. African nations, who held their own meeting to consider the US proposal, also seemed ready to accept Washington's terms. "Our preference is a UN force," Sattecanund Peerthum, of Mauritius, the African group's chairman, said. "But we are pragmatic and

General Joseph Hoar, Norman Schwarzkopf's successor as central command's commander-in-chief, to draw up a contingency action plan. It has asked other commanders around the world whose units are likely to be involved to specify their likely requirements. The State Department this week sent Robert Oakley, a former ambassador to Somalia, to neighbouring Ethiopia to meet Somali leaders and relief

officials and to prepare for the troops' arrival. It also asked Brandon Grove, a former US consul general in Jerusalem, to co-ordinate the Somali operation in Washington.

The administration has offered up to 30,000 troops, although most officials believe fewer than 20,000 will be required. However, the Pentagon does not share White House optimism that the operation

could be completed by January 20, enabling American troops to hand responsibility over to UN peacepers and withdraw before Bill Clinton, the president-elect, takes office. It believes that the operation, although militarily not too complex, could take six months or more. The Bush administration has kept Mr Clinton informed of its plan to use American ground

Charities welcome military

By JAMES LANDALE

CHARITIES cautiously welcomed plans for military intervention in Somalia yesterday but said that any initiative must come under United Nations supervision and with the co-operation of the warring

Nicholas Hinton, the director-general of the Save the Children fund, said he welcomed the move but added: "Such an operation must be with the full commitmen of the UN". He said that the UN should strive to achieve close cooperation with the Somali people on any initiative.

Mr Hinton was critical of reports suggesting that any military action could be over in two weeks and said a figure of five years was more tion is needed and you cannot force time," he said.

The charity called on Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretarygeneral, to visit Somalia "We believe this would focus the activities of the UN," Mr Hinton said. In Mogadishu, the Somali capi-

tal. other relief workers welcomed the move. "It is clear to everybody that humanitarian aid is not sufficient and that it is imperative also to have a political solution," Catherine Cazeaux, of the Red Cross. said. "We cannot continue working in such a perilous situation."

Oxfam also supported military intervention. "We think it likely that the figure of 30,000 troops suggested will be the number

needed," a spokesman said. Save the Children criticised the lack of co-ordination between UN agencies and other charities and said that the UN had not responded to a letter calling for a single UN agency to deal with Somalia.

Bullets fly on road of terror

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

ON LITTLE legs bloated like balloons, the Somali child stood swaying on the edge of the main road, a few hundred yards from the Mogadishu headquarters of the United Nations Children's Fund. Sucking on his thumb, he watched scores of rickety minibuses vie for road space with "technicals" — the four-wheel drive vehicles mounted with heavy machineguns.

One of these trucks, a Toyota Land Cruiser with its top sliced off to make room for a 106mm howitzer and a half dozen heavily armed teenage gunmen, slowed slightly as it drew alongside the child. A thin arm appeared from the passenger window, cocked a small pistol, and fired.

The child's body remained upright for a few seconds before collapsing in the dust. The gunmen laughed hysterically as the vehicle

drove off, in no

particular hurry. A With the total iew customers at a nearby tea stall cast destruction of a quick glance at the little body lying in a pool of blood, the economy, and resumed their conversation. the only Horrific incidents like this and employment the relentless death toll from the famis as a guard, a ine in Somalia, which may reach a million by Christ-

mas, have prompted President Bush or a looter' and his advisers to offer the United Nations up to 30,000 troops to protect relief operations and restore order to the country. Washington's offer has

caused near panic among some relief agencies who fear that their staff will become targets of Somali nationalism if armed foreign troops are dispatched to the Horn of Africa nation. Some relief agency officials

maintain that troops are not necessary. But more experienced workers in the field believe that if the world is serious about doing something for Somalia, then troops will be needed to protect food convoys that are being constantly looted.

But more importantly for Soma-lia, in the long run, is the need to

break the protection rackets that Western charities, too, have to rely on to deliver emergency food supplies. The International Committee of the Red Cross has spent more than a third of its total world budget on Somalia in the last year. But every month it is estimated that \$50,000 (£33,000) goes on hiring armed youths as bodyguards and escorts for food, in the capital, Mogadishu, alone.

With the total destruction of the Somali economy, as a result of the civil war, the only form of employment is as a guard, soldier, or icoter. Most young men, many of them aged 12, are involved in all

The result of the criminalisation of Somali society is not only that one kills children for fun and gets away with it but most of the religious and social structures, including familial relationships, have

"If the US is going to send troops to Somalia then they are going to have to be prepared to a commitment well beyond six months. Once food aid can be delivered we will still have to find a way of restoring order, that means form-ing an impartial police force. That means setting up the basic models for civil society like religious organ-

groups, everything. Somalia is like a giant mirror that has been shattered into a million pieces and some how the international community has to glue them back together. Ultimately that means a UN mandated territory. A hu-manitarian soldier, commitment for a

> world ready for that? asked the head of an agency who has worked in Somalia for a

Somalia is unique in Africa and on the surface appears to be the only country with a natural claim to nationhood as it is alone in having nationhood as it is alone in having just one tribe speaking one language (in dialects) and following one religion (Islam). So how could such an society collapse to the point at which the world iteds an obligation to save it from itself?

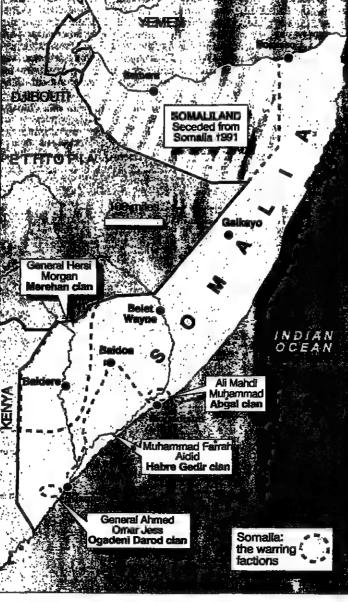
decade. Is the

The Somalis have an old explanation (which is also much heard among the Bedouin in the Middle East): "My country against the others, my clan against my country. my sub-clan against my clan, my family against my clan, my brothers against my family; me against

my brothers".

The Somalis, predominantly nomadic pasturalists living on the edge of starvation for much of their lives, inevitably regard their relationship with the world as a battle for existence. They attach no great sentimentality to family or clan bonds but see their social system as

a means of survival. But to characterise the main



players on the Somali stage today as "warlords" is to do them unjust credit. They are now simply godfa-thers presiding over families run-ning extortion and protection rackets using teenage gunmen high on khat, a narcotic plant, or looted Valium, morphine, slimming pills, pharmaceutical co-caine, and lately, heroin. None have a coherent aim or set of policies other than the pursuit of

power and of profit.

Tokyo: Japan will provide \$9.8 million in new aid for United Nations programmes to help refu-gees from Somalia. Ethiopia, Mo-zambique and Liberia, the foreign ministry announced yesterday.

The ministry said in a statement that \$3.1 million of the total would go to programmes for Somali refugees in Somalia, Kenya and Djibouti, and that another \$1.2 million would go to the United Nations hundred-day action programme for accelerated help to

Japan pledged \$22.8 million in aid to Somalia through internafional organisations earlier this year. Foreign ministry officials said that the Tokyo government had decided to increase its aid because of the gravity of the refugee crisis in

The aid, which is being chan-nelled through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, also includes \$1.5 million for relief and rehabilitation of refugees in Ethiopia, \$2.65 million for refugees from Missanbique and \$1.35 million for Liberian refugees.(AP)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children die from disease

Nairobi: Famine and disease killed two-thirds of children under the age of five in Baidoa. Somalia's "town of death", from April to November despite international relief efforts, an official report said.

The survey, conducted last month by the United Nations Children's Fund and the United States Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, said that the most common cause of death of the weakened children was diarrhoea followed by measles. (Reuter)

Man held

Amsterdam: Police have arrested a Dutch youth who beat up a Somali refugee, say-ing he hated black people. The 31-year-old Somali was taken to hospital after the 19-yearold youth beat, kicked and held him captive in a train compartment for about 20 minutes, police said. The two were alone in the compartment. It was only when the Somali tried to escape that fellow-travellers raised the alarm. (Reuter)



MOHAMED SIAD BARRE

THE former president remains the principal protagonist in the Somali tragedy, although he is now orchestrating events from Nigeria where he fled earlier this year. A dictator who took power in a bloodless coup in 1969, Mr Siad Barre ruled at first with Soviet backing and in the mid-1980s with the help of the US through his Marchan clan, a sub-group of the Darod. His excesses against opponents have been more than matched by the atrocities his men committed as they retreated from rebels to their heartland in Gedo.

west of the Juba river. By butchering entire herds of camels, goats, whole villages, poisoning water supplies and blowing up wells, he is responsible for the synonimity of Baidoa and Baidere, towns he laid waste, with agony. Mr Siad Barre was driven from power by a joint assault from the north lead by the Isak-dominated Somali National Movement and the Hawiiye-dominated United Somali Congress, and from the south by the Somali Patriotic Front, an Ogadeni Darod group. Hiding in a Soviet-made tank he fled Mogadishu in January 1991. After a long period in the wilderness his Marehan clansmen. under the command of his son-inlaw, Mohamed Hersi Morgan, in the Somali National Front recently

retook Baidere from part of the USC and are now pushing south to Kismayu along the Juba river.



MUHAMMAD FARRAH AIDID

THE recent success of the Marchan has undermined the position of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, leader of the Habre Gedir faction of the United Somali Congress. General Aidid split with Ali Mahdi Muhammad, the other main USC leader, soon after the rebels took Mogadishu from President Barre in July last year, when a small group declared Mr Ali Mahdi interim president. Flerce fighting broke out between the two factions in September 1991, and again in November. The battles, which destroyed most of central Mogadishu, had divided the city by the time the UN brokered a ceasefire in March. Mr Ali Mahdi took control of the Karan suburb and General Aidid the rest, except the port and airport. Until recently, the Habre Gedir were considered the most powerful group in central and southern Somalia, the areas worst affected by the famine. ☐ While General Aidid, a rangy man in his sixties with shifty, distrustful eyes, ran the military campaigns, Osman Hassan Ali "Arto" produced the wealth. His main interests lie in a monopoly on the importation of fuel through Kismayu and the supply of khat, a narcotic plant, flown in 16 light aircraft to Mogadishu and earns \$128,000 a day for the Habre Gedir. Mr Arto has also landed a



ALI MAHDI MUHAMMAD

A FORMER hotelier, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, has two main assets: a satellite telephone which he uses to call the BBC, and the glib tongue of a service industry professional. A short and affable character, he has managed to stay in the Somalia story largely through his skill at appearing to be more sinned against than sinning.

His forces control only Karan in the north of Mogadishu and are financed by eight khat planes (carrying \$64,000 worth of the bitter privet-like twigs from Kenya) and the standard protection racket with armed guards.

Earlier this year he managed to persuade De la Rue, the British currency printing firm, to sell him several tons of new Somali banknotes printed during the Barre regime ahead of a planned devaluation. These are in circulation in Karan only and were flown in illegally by a Russian air charter company in an aircraft flying the

UN flag Mr Ali Mahdi styles himself interim president. ☐ The Ogadeni Darod have proved to be a wild card in the Somali anarchy and have fought both with and against General Aidid and Mr Ali Mahdi. Led by the formidable military commander General Ahmed Omar Jess, they have a firm footbold in Kismayu and vie for control of this critical port with the Habre Gedir. Marehan, and others.

Aid plan may lead to new protectorate

European Community contract to deliver fuel to Mogadishu's water

THE United Nations plan for huge military intervention in Somalia to

ensure the delivery of aid could result in the strife-torn country being turned in effect into a UN protectorate. Even before the security council

agrees on the dispatch of a multinational force of up to 30,000 troops. diplomats are discussing the possi-bility of establishing a UN-super-vised government in Somalia. "Somalia has no government now," said a senior American official. "It needs some kind of structure. You may need a UN protectorate, which the United Nations would manage and then

try to turn back into a state."

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has said that even large-scale UN military intervention will need to be accompanied by a longer-term plan for

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

Somalia. "It is important that further measures to protect hu-manitarian relief supplies should be accompanied by continuing efforts to promote national reconciliation," he wrote in a letter to the security council this week.

Some diplomats are even talking about reviving the Trusteeship Council — an idea that appals many developing countries. The Trusteeship Council was set up in 1945 to supervise the administration of territories that had been held under League of Nations mandates set up at the end of the first world war, or confiscated from the defeated powers at the end of the second world war. The administering power of each territory undertook to report to the UN and to promote self-government and

independence for these lands.

All but one of the original 11

Trust Territories - Palau - have now become independent or merged with neighbouring states. The Trusteeship Council now meets only once a year and will be wound up as soon as Palau becomes fully independent

Given the widespread reservations about reviving the Trustee-ship Council in a new form, most diplomats believe an arrangement similar to the UN peace plan for Cambodia is more likely, in Cam-bodia, the UN formed a Supreme National Council with members of the four warring factions and entrusted it with ruling the country under UN supervision until UN-monitored elections next year. "We will have to end up with something like what happened in Cambodia." said one Western diplomat working on Somalia. "Call it a receiver-ship for bankruptcy."

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Russian leader woos moderate opponents by mixing firmness with concessions

Yeltsin fights to clear way for change

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday offered the first session of the Congress of People's Deputies a careful package of re-solve and concession to steer his reforms past the resistance of an opposition intent on

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challenging his government. He called on the main opposition, Civic Union, to back him against the alliance of extreme nationalists and hardline former communists, and demanded an end to "political hysteria whipped up by anti-reformists". Speaking in the Kremlin's Grand Palace beneath a Russian flag he announced measures aimed at strengthening the executive and ending the tussle for power between Congress and parliament on the one hand and government on the other. The proposal would lessen the power of the 1,067-strong Congress - a conservative body, 87 per cent of whose members are former communists — and give more weight to the smaller (and for Mr Yeltsin more manageable)

Attacking the power strug-gle that has impeded the passage of reform laws, Mr Yeltsin said: "For the reforms to continue, Russia needs a reforming president, a reforming Supreme Soviet [parliament) and a reforming government." He announced that he was prepared to renounce the special presiden-



Gaidar: bardliners are seeking to topple him

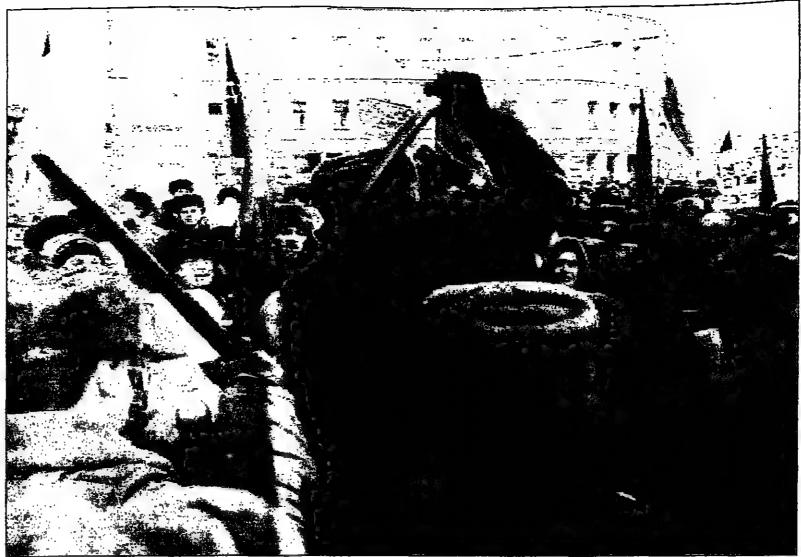
using to bypass parliament and to implement "reform by

Mr Yeltsin also signalled closer ties with Civic Union and the military-industrial complex it represents, promis-ing state enterprises higher in-vestment to shield them from foreign competition and more state contracts to stave off mass closures. We shall firmly and consistently lead industrial policies along the golden path between the free market and state regulation," he said. Mr Yeltsin's comments indicated a move away from radical reforms and will worry Western governments and the International Monetary Fund; they fear that increased domestic expenditure will lead to even higher inflation.

occasion, and Mr Yeltsin. spruce and sonorous, was playing to selected audiences. He had plainly calculated that he had no chance of having his powers of decree extended this week. If he succeeds in persuading Congress to surrender its legislative role, he will have gained important ground, but many deputies were furious at the suggestion. "He wants us to vote ourselves out of a job," said one. "We won't join the ranks of his unemployed so easily." Mr Yeltsin also wants a new constitution which would bind the Congress's powers and disappearance.

The Congress is a theatrical

In a speech that swung in typical fashion between radical fire and soothing of conservative sensibilities, one of his boldest proposals was that the government be given total rights over the distribution of state property, which will be crucial to the swift implementation of privatisation. This plan, along with Mr Yeltsin's other suggestions for speeding up change, was greeted with groans from the hardliners. Rusian Khasbulatov, the Congress chairman and regular sparring partner of Mr Yeltsin in his role as the parliament's Speaker, accused



Critical blow: Russian militia tackling pro-communist supporters in Red Square yesterday as deputies arrived to debate the reforms

the government of "reform for reform's sake", and "lamentsble economic incompetence". Early in the session, the

hardliners tabled motions attacking the government and often managed about 350 votes - a figure high enough to prohibit Mr Yeltsin engaging in large-scale constitutional engineering in the coming days. A motion calling for his impeachment over the banning of the Communist party failed but won 357 votes. The hardliners, who now accept that they cannot topple Mr Yeltsin, are gunning for Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime min-

ister and leading radical.

Mine blast: Mr Khasbulatov interrupted a session to announce there had been an explosion and fire at the Shevvakov mine in Mezhdurechensk, Siberia. Twenty-five miners were believed to have died. (Reuter)

Congress dims light of Russian reform

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

As every Soviet history student knows, the vio-lent break-up of old Russia's last elected institution, the constituent assembly, was announced in January, 1918, with the words: "All those present should leave the hall because the guard is tired."

Russia's present experi-ment in phuralist parliamentary democracy - in the shape of the 1,000-strong Congress of People's Deputies - is also beset by fatigue, even though it is less than three years old.

The supreme legislature of the Russian federation was Moscow's brightest beacon of reformist hopes when it was elected in March 1990. Granted, there was no shortsickly smiles from obscure cities in the Urals; tight-lipped generals; and collective farm bosses corrupted by their power over drunken, work-shy

But everything is relative: Soviet Russia's first semidemocratic parliament contained enough representatives of the new generation of politicians to give it an entirely different feeling from the Soviet Union's congress, elected a year earlier.

There were prison camp veterans, including Father Gleb Yakunin, the dissident priest, and the gentle, weary figure of Sergei Kovalyov, a human rights campaigner and associate of Andrei Sahomosexual from an industri- exasperated and tell it to go - its most enfeebled.

al city in Siberia, which is a if not in the name of God, brave thing to be; and a devout and articulate advocate of liberal democracy. Now the Soviet Union is no

more, and the Yakunius and the Kovalyovs are again on the defensive. Russian society has burched forward, and the congress is more striking for its high percentage of dino-saurs than its valiant minority campaigning for change. As hundreds of politicians in worn black suits and utilitarian shoes file up and down the glistening parquet floors of the Kremlin, there is a sense that this hybrid institution is nearing the end of its life.

It could be that President Yeltsin, who called the assembly into being, will become its most vicious when it is

then in the name of voters, who, according to all polls, are even more disappointed with the legislature they picked in 1990 than with the president they chose in 1991.

r perhaps the back-woodsmen will somehow condema themselves to death. After all, most yearn with nostalgia for the days when egislators gathered for three days a year to rubber-stamp the decisions of others. But the smell of decay that

envelops the Congess of People's Deputies does not mean that it has ceased to be dangerous. Like a man-cating tiger, this creature could be at

Ozal will quit to lead new party

Islands: President Ozal of Turky promised to resign yesterlay and return to the political ray at the head of a new party. Lie and a new party. new party. His reaction came after the Motherland party he founded rejected his candidate for leader (Andrew Finkel

instead the party, at a special congress in Ankara, re-embersed Mesur Yilmaz, its present leader, whom Mr Ozal accuses of incompetence. Last accuses of incompetence. Last night 16 Ozal loyalists resigned from the party. Turkey's main opposition group. The MPs who quit include Yildirim Akbukut, a former prime minister, Husnu Dogan, former defence minister, and Yosaf Bozkurt Ozal, the president's brother. president's brother.

The president said he was deciding whether to return to party politics right away or immediately before a general election. To do so would mean giving up the job of president which the constitution stipulates to be above party politics.

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Vilnius chooses prime minister

Vilnins: Algirdas Brazauskas, the Litinuanian leader, pro-posed Bronisiovas Lubys, an independent, chemical engi-neer, as prime minister. Mr Lubys, 54, served as deputy prime minister in the outgo-ing cabinet of the nationalist movement Sajudia. He sup-ports the parliament's liberal

Mr Lubys is virtually certain to be confirmed by parliament because of the Democratic Labour Party majority. He is the only candidate. (Reuter)

Guerrilla held

Athens: Police have arrested Gerasimos Baiafas, one of Greece's most wanted guerrillas. Mr Balafas, believed to be a member of the left-wing Anti-State Struggle, is accused of killing a prosecutor and five policemen. (Reuter)

Seamen strike

Oslo: Three Norwegian maritime unions have gone on strike halting some international passenger ferries and threatening to halve the country's North Sea oil production. The dispute is over wages and pensions. (Reuter)

Greece prepares to shut northern border as history repeats itself in Balkans

FROM CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

Balkan war is almost inescapable 80 years after the last war. The only area of disagreement is whether Greece will be able to avoid involvement.

The two flashpoints of the anticipated conflagration are the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and the autonomous province of Kosovo, wedged between Macedonia and Albania. But what Athens is even more concerned about is its suspicion that Turkey intends to restore the kind of role the Ottoman empire played across a swath of the Balkans, embracing Macedonia, Albania, Bulgaria and at least part of Bosnia-Herzegovina, against which both the previous Balkan wars this century were fought.

On what could prove to be the eve of a closure of Greece's northern borders - the anticipated Athens reaction to any extension southwards of the civil strife raging in Bosnia some of Greece's most senior leaders have offered only few words of comfort. President Karamanlis, 85, says Greece "should" be able to avoid entanglement, while Ioannis

GREECE fears that another Varvitsiotis, the defence minister, says Athens "has no intention" of becoming involved. Greece may well have a diplomatic interest in emphasising the dangers, it is in-volved in a dispute with Macedonia over the name by which the landlocked republic

will be recognised internationally and it has traditional ties with the Serbian nucleus of "new Yugoslavia". Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, is the only European Community head of government with open lines communication to Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian

While the quarrel with the Macedonian leadership over the republic's final name may seem irrelevant to the rest of the world, the fate of the present Greek government hinges on preventing acceptance of the name, Macedonia, since Athens sees it as laying the basis for an eventuclaim of Greece's own Macedonia province. The issue has aroused a wave of nationalism, greater than any since Mussolini's invasion through Albania in 1940. The

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rising emotions are a warning to any government in Athens, and dashes any hopes of

compromise.

Between now and the Edinburgh summit of EC leaders next week, Mr Mitsotakis will be lobbying his Community counterparts to ensure that support for Greece on the name issue, expressed at the Lisbon summit in June, will not be overturned in Edinburgh. He has already obtained an assurance from President Bush that America will take no action on the recognition of Macedonia until after the EC summit, and a comparable promise from Mitterrand France. Mr Mitostakis will be hoping for similar support when John Major visits Ath-

ens on Friday. The focal point of the wider dangers is Kosovo. To Serbian nationalists such as Mr Milosevic, the province, despite its 90 per cent Muslim and ethnic Albanian population, remains the inseparable historic heartland of Serbia. and as such its independence cannot be contemplated. Analysts here believe that Mr re-establish full Serbian control as soon as he has secured his basic aims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, or at least in advance of the December 20 presidential elections in Serbia.

The fear then is whether Turkey could remain indifferent to a new wave of "ethnic deansing" in Kosovo, which this time would be aimed exclusively at Muslim co-reliespecially when largely Muslim Albania and Macedonia, with its 40 per cent ethnic Albanian population, would almost inevitably be drawn in. According to Greek intelligence sources, proposals by Turkey to Bulgaria and Albania to station troops there in preparation for any intervention in Bosnia and Kosovo were rebuffed recently, but may not meet

with the same reaction if the conflict spreads to Kosovo. Greece's obvious policy then would be to seal its borders if only to avert the wave of refugees flooding across its northern frontiers, and hope to ride out the conflict raging on its border as indicated by both the Karamanlis and Var-

Serb leader faces poll challenge by Panic

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE Serbian election campaign has got off to an uncertain start with Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, delivering a warning that the country could be plunged into civil war unless he wins, although his eligibil-ity as a candidate has not yet been confirmed.

Serbian and Yugoslav elections are scheduled for De-cember 20. Many believe that Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, is the main obstacle to the lifting of United Nations sanctions, and opposition leaders claim that only they can get them removed.

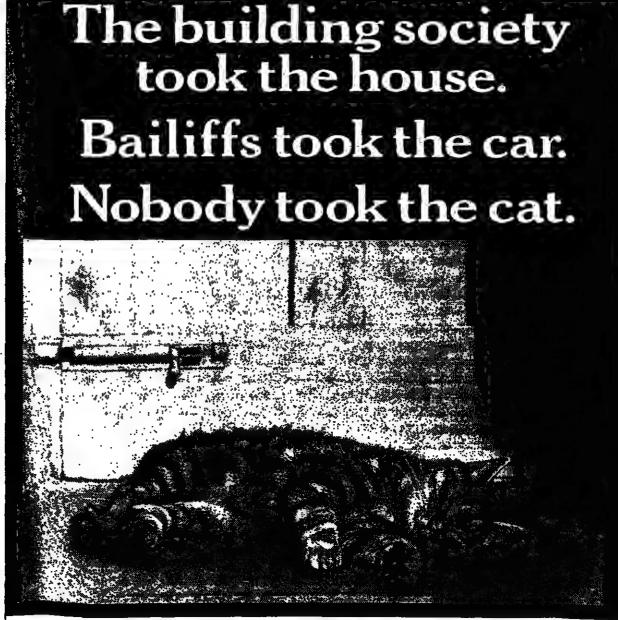
After weeks of dithering Mr Panic formally announced this week that he would chall-

enge Mr Milosevic. "Under

Milosevic we have become isolated internationally and have become the victim of crippling sanctions. War rages out of control, and yet Milosevic has done nothing. he said.

Despite Mr Panic's announcement, the Serbian electoral commission says the Serbian-American businessman has not fulfilled residence

In an interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel. Mr Panic said that the rump Yugoslav army would attack "only if Croatian forces in Bosnia attack Serbs or if Germans come". A recent opinion poll showed that almost 42 per cent of Serbs fear a foreign invasion.



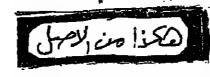
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In part two of his series, Michael Shea (above). former press

secretary to the Queen, questions the wisdom of

royal openness

or the past few years I have worked in an office that, coincidentally, overlooks Buckingham Palace Gardens as my old one did, the difference being that I am now on the other side of the wall. Being a former insider now on the outside, gives me, perhaps an untypical and entirely personal view of recent events. After all, the old maxim applies particularly to information about the royal family: those who speak, don't know; those who know

When reading in the press since my departure in 1987 (and one joy of not being at the Palace is not having to read the tabloids) that a confidante/courtier/aide or whoever, has revealed or said this or that, I knew that invention was in the air. When a story began in this way. the tabloid newsroom line, I knew from experience, was probably either that it was "too good to check" (ie why spoil a good story by inviting a denial) or, if they were short of a front page lead, "well, why not dream up something new on the royals. No one will seriously

The profession of journalism was once thought of as being both uniform and coherent. It never has been. But something new has developed over the years since I left the Palace, carried on the back of the lamentable truth that, as standards drop, circulation figures rise. This has been coupled with an approach which increasingly illustrates what Oscar Wilde once said. "In old days men had the rack. Now they have the press." The press has also become not only the detective on the "Insight" model. but also judge, jury and executioner, and there is no right of appeal.

There is now even more of a yawning split in the media, a schism, between those who write for publications that seek to inform (and one can be informative and entertaining at the same time) and



In the spotlight: the constant glare of publicity has made life ever more difficult for the royal family. Has greater access only increased the demands of the tabloid pressf

those (presumably, the "unpopular" versus the "popular" press) who produce matter so devoid of balance or scruple or truth that surely even they cannot believe it. Lord Hartwell, some years ago in a valedictory article in The Daily Telegraph, divided the print media into "the qualities which try to populars which exploit scandals; and the tabloids which invent them". I would go further and say that at the bottom end of the market it's not so much that truth is replaced by fiction, but that the two are now indistinguishable, so much so that when I was assured over the summer that there was some truth in what was being reported about the marriages of members of the royal family, I found it almost

impossible to believe. From my new vantage point, unhampered by having to react to each royal story as it broke, I saw more dearly how much harm was being done to the institution by the sheer degree of intrusion to which the Queen and her family were

cannot believe that there are whose lives, or families, or work, or mental state, would not be grievously affected by the sort of constant Peeping-Tom scrutiny of every slightest movement or mishap, real or imagined. Where would our marriages be, our chil-dren's or our parents' happiness, if we had to face a world that was seeing us and our problems laid bare on television and being speculated about with varying degrees of schadenfreude in the press?

I have seen, in addition, the

Queen's enormously successful state visits to France and Germany this year, with the huge and enthusiastic reception that she was accorded. They must have done great good to relations between the various countries concerned, yet they were belittled, even in some broadsheets, by the reporting of out of all proportion, such as a handful of skinhead neo-Nazis shouting, in typical cowardice, behind the large crowd when Her Majesty visited Dresden. A small example, but one of all too many. After all the hard work and dedication that goes into these visits, I know how bitterly disappointing such throwaway coverage is, not just as regards overseas coverage but also here in the UK where so much effort goes into royal visits to the regions.

I have seen too and deplored, the constant misuse of the term "public interest" to justify the most arrant intrusion of privacy. It is not public interest", but "the public's interest", that has been catered to. We have seen people in public life have their happiness destroyed for some base gratification. Of course we are all susceptible to gossip, and most of us bear the mistortunes of others with equanimity, if not suppressed delight. But the media play too much at pretending that they are promoting, out of duty, the national interest, while most of the time, the tabloids (some Sunday broadsheets have a tabloid-tryingto-get-out-mode) are merely pandering to the latter. And, of course,

to their sales figures. We have seen, over these past few years, the media destroying so much. Of course its constant refrain

is that if you can't stand the heat, keep out of the public eye. The other recently more justifiable refrain is, how can there be a totally private royal family when it is such a public institution? What is more, runs the argument, they have brought the problems upon themselves with all their self-generated television exposés of their private lives. By that is meant such events as Elizabeth R, the outstanding BBC television programme about Her Majesty earlier in the year or, more unfortunately, the somewhat ingratiating ITV documentary, in Private - In Public, broadcast in 1986 about the Prince and Princess of Wales which showed much of the very private lives which the Palace had theretofore gone to considerable lengths to prevent being exposed.

I have given considerable

thought, from my new private-sector side of the Palace wall, to how much the run of special afforded us on the fringes of the how members of the royal family appearing on Wogan and games shows, have made a significant contribution to the recent wounding of the royal family. I myself had urged more of such openness when I was there. Did it only serve to increase the demand of the tabloid: for more and more and more Perhaps. But it had to be. There could be no continuance, in the long term, of a policy of no reveal.
With the great wisdom that hindsight always gives, there is force in some of the above criticisms. The intention was always to be helpful and forthcoming to all

How much did special programmes on the monarchy contribute to the recent wounding of the royal family?

concerned. Good intentions don't always bring success, though Elizabeth R was by far the best and most constructive documentary of its type, showing how the Queen, now among the world's most longserving heads of state, has reigned with wisdom, with compassion, with dedication, whatever the vicissitudes of life around her.

The Palace has always recog nised the important role of the media in a free society, so that the public duties of the Queen and the royal family can be better covered and understood. But who can tolerate, whatever the personal and marital unhappinesses, the recent disgraceful resort to electronic eavesdropping and telephoto cam-era lenses? Do we really want to continue down the road to a hideous world where, not just the royal family but anyone who gets into the goldfish bowl of public life. can have their slightest move from the conventional path intruded on and then paraded as if on a gallows before its slavering public?

In the final part of his series, Michael Shea considers broken marriages, public interest and private tragedy

Poser in private practice

How can women know their

gynaecologists are as competent as

they seem?

he royal family was advised not to be involved with either Dr Thomas Courtney or his Aids-related charity. In a recom-mendation which, it was reported, was couched in simple terms, they were fold "not to touch him with a barge pole".

The royal family is fortunate to have access to such plain-speaking adviser, and to sources not availadviser, and to sources not avairable to the general public. But how can the ordinary patient be certain that the smooth-talking, assured, oft-tail intimidating specialist (all these adjectives have been applied to D- Courtney), with a good address in Harley Street, will give a good spinion which will be clinically sound and worth the expense of a y sound and worth the expense of a

Dr Courtney has never been associated with any teaching hospital in a senior role. He has no higher qualifications. He had spent time in Saudi Arabia, had done junior hospital appointments but never been more than a junior registrar. His most prestigious post had perhaps been as a fixed-term research fellow at the Royal Free Haspital medical school in north

After he left this appointment, Ornern was expressed that he was representing himself as a consulant, and a complaint was made to the General Medical Council.

Dr Courtney denied the charge and issued the denial in a medical magazine, but the general public does not have the opportunity to read specialist periodicals, and presumably his practice continued to grow by word of mouth

Gynaecology is one of the specialtries which has obvious attractions for any doctor with suspect inten-



Charming and plausible: Dr Thomas Courtney

tions; others are tempted to become experts in psycho-sexual medicine, allergies and slimming. It is a particular pity that gynaecology should be tainted in this way as there is an extremely active Royal standards of training and examination in obstetrics and gynaecology. Whereas doctors tend to view a

visit to the gynaecologist in the same way as one to a dermatologist. surgeon or endocrinologist, an essential chore which is recommended only when a specific problem needs solving, many women see it in quite a different

it seems that in some circles there is a social cachet in "having a gynaecologist", and they treat their gynaecologist in the American way; as a friend and a medical adviser on a wide variety of women's problems who can be visited annually for a smear, a gynaecological

examination, breast palpation and a chat about the difficulties of life. A surprising number of women who pay regular visits to a gynae-cologist are not initially referred to him or her by another doctor whether GP, company doctor or even a medical friend or relative. It is true that they were recommended, but the recommendation

was as likely to have come from a close friend, dinner party companion or even the hairdresser, all admirably qualified to determine the specialist's charm but not clinical skills. A few years ago there was a 'gynaecologist" in central London

who had a huge practice, his waiting room, packed as it was with famous names was a celebrity collector's heaven.

A woman journalist went to see him complaining of a heavy discharge. When she failed to improve after months of treatment she-

braved the National Health Service. When her cervix was examined after surgery it had malignant change in four separate sites and the growth was already beginning to extend. The medical directory revealed that the "gynaecologist" although respected by patients, and liked by medical colleagues, had a rather less impressive curriculum vitae than Dr Courtney, but he was charming, attentive, and of impec-

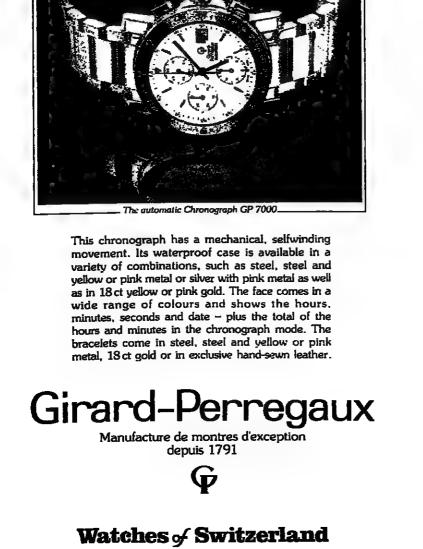
specialist who starts a consultant practice should have served the many years of apprenticeship demanded by the Royal Colleges and should have at least been a senior registrar in a teaching hospital, or a consultant in

This will determine that he has had adequate medical training, but it requires inside knowledge, which a good GP should have, to know whether the skills which should have developed as the surgeon grows older have done justice to the earlier groundwork. The GP should also know whether the specialist's manner is kindly and concerned, for without empathy with the patient the consultation, particularly in gynaecology, is a waste of time.

The ordinary patient does not have the chance to chat with the royal family's medical advisers, but they too have a GP, and they would be well advised to consult him before they venture into specialist

Women should not think that by selecting a female gynaecologist they will necessarily solve their problems. A Dutch survey reported in the British Medical Journal in June of this year, suggests that 27 per cent of female gynaecologists questioned admitted to having been sexually attracted to one or more of their female patients. It is assumed that their professionalism triumphed, that they controlled their feelings and did not hand out

> Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD





The stuff of dreams: the make-up team, the most popular draw at the Clothes Show Live event, transforms a viewer. The number of visitors to this year's event is likely to too 200,000

The short but sharp Clothes Show is compulsive viewing, says Joseph Connolly

eff Banks — what a great bloke, what a winner! He's a real survivor is good old Jeff — Jeff the Lad! You hear a lot of this sort of thing about the originator and presenter of The Clothes Show — the BBC's ratings-grabbing rag trade slot, broadcast to an audience of up to I I million on Sunday afternoons just before God, in Mr Banks' own

words, "can get a look in". This short but fatally addictive programme, now five years old, increases its ratings and its influence with every 26-week run, while the Lloyds Bank-sponsored Clothes Show Live event returns to London next week for its biggest-ever six-day bash, cocking a snook at any talk of recession. More than 250 exhibitors, ranging from Joseph. Bella Freud and John Richmond at one end of the fashion spectrum to high street heavyweights Marks & Spencer, Next and Hennes at the other, will be vying for attention.

Dozens of glittering stunts and spectacles are promised, with The Clothes Show broadcasting live alongside Radio I, and the make-up team (always the most popular draw) offering to transform the passing wannabe into not only vamp of the month, but any idol of their dreams - Madonna, Michael Jackson,

Trevor McDonald, you name it. Despite the £7.50 minimum price of a ticket, the organisers are confident of at least 200,000 visitors.

How did the half-hour television programme that spawned such lucrative shenanigans come about? Mr Banks explains: "It was around 12 years ago — I had just won the Designer of the Year award, and I was making a speech that I was assured was not going to be broad-

Getting dressed in the afternoon

among friends - you don't mind too much making a prat of yourself. Anyway, the speech did go out, and someone at the BBC liked it. They were looking for an item for hunchtime audiences, and so I did a tenmirrute weekly clothes slot [on Pebble Mill at One for over two years."

Following these ten minute forays. Mr Banks got together with Roger Cassiles, a BBC producer (now the executive producer of The Clothes Show), and made a pilot for a full-

length programme; this was entirely ig-nored. Mr Banks pursued other ventures, while harassing Michael Grade (then the controller of BBC1) on a regu-lar basis. After about four years Mr Grade asked Mr Banks to prepare 11 programmes in seven weeks because, says Mr Banks, "he had sod all to put on in the daytime". Mr Banks delivered the secret weapon of Selina Scott as his



Presenters: Franklin and Banks

Although each piece dem-onstrates an easy mastery, this

collection owes nothing to Mr

Hicks's trademark symmetry

and geometry: here we have

defiantly organic creations

whose final outline is deter-

mined by the size and shape of

each stone, and by the eye of

"She was really good, Selina. Excellent. She has a sort of suitry sexiness that is hard to beat — so in common with every other red-blooded male. I miss her, yes." His current copresenter Caryn Franklin, has been with the programme since the second series. "She used to be fashion editor

of iD magazine," Mr Banks says. "She has a sort of seat-gripping ring to her voice - I just love her leftist, radical angularity."

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wanted the programme to be (hence its decidedly unambiguous title, eschewing all mention of fashion as well as any punning around with

words like "gear"), "A magazine - a weekly glossy column, if you like. In the early days it was too straight - we maybe angled it too much towards the fashion cognoscenti. Now it is aimed directly at people: any people — all people."

The editor of the monthly Clothes Show magazine, Karen McCartney,

> cast her net in shallower waters: with a steady circulation of 194,000. her target is women between the ages of 18 and 26, and she tries to feature clothes they could be expected to buy - "affordable chic", she calls it. Mr Banks doesn't agree on this score, much to the chagrin of the BBC 1 controller, Jona-than Powell. "We

argue about this a

lot - even if some

wonderful thing costs a fortune, I think people would be interested to see it: people can't afford Hockneys, but they like to see them. Jonathan thinks it should all be budget conscious, but then, he's a BBC man, and I'm not."

Balance is the object of every Clothes Show, and normally it is extraordinarily good: a typical mix might contain street fashion, a bit of glamour, a flash of uniform, news of a competition, a top name hairdresser, a couple of bespoke tailors and maybe a glimpse of underwear (35 per cent of the audience is male, and Mr Banks ruefully acknowledges the pulling power of the lingeric clips, along with Ms Scott's erstwhile legs).

Is Mr Banks, who designs and markets several ranges of clothes, ever accused of bias? "None of my designs or companies has featured; I insist on that." How about excluding a rival? "It couldn't be done: we have eight researchers and an editorial

board of ten - all very democratic."

And what of taste? "We recently considered an item on transvestite ciothing, but it's not great at teatime on a Sunday, is it? It would be OK it we went out later: same with S&M hondage gear. Mind you, we might look at that next year because it's

creeping into mainstream fashion."

Mr Banks is planning a new midsummer event and he would like to take the Live show to any country you can name. "It's a fun world, fashion, despite everything. Risky, cut throat, but always fun: I like a bit of fun."

OClothes Show Live is at Earls Court Edubition Centre, London, December 10 to 15 inclusive, 9.00am to 7.00pm daily. Exhibition admission £7.50 or £15 to include fashion show. Concessions for QAPs and children.

Shop till you're shabby

S ome friends of ours who live in uptown Manhattan have just taken delivery of a new sofa. Caroline, who is English, is thrilled. "The fabric is all faded and badly-fitting. It looks as if it has been in the family for 100 years," she says. The chair is so huge it can fit two people. Once you have got on, it is hard to get off. But Mum is going to take one look and say, You paid for that?"

Caroline's acquisitions are from Shabby Chic, a California company that makes the ultimate furniture for these anxious times - vast, soft pieces that sit you on their laps, cuddle you in their enveloping arms and soothe away hor-rid 1992. No matter that the whole thing might seem a touch anomalous in a modern flat half-way up a skyscraper: New Yorkers must take their comfort as

they can.
I think we had better watch out for shabby chic, because it is getting every-where — and it is ours. After all, nobody in the Western world is shabbier than the British. If only we knew how to market it, our talent for shabbiness could be a huge national export. Shabby Chic, the Californian store, is the perfect example, as it turns out to be the brainchild of a British de-signer, Rachel Ashwell.

Shabby chic is taking hold in fashion, as well, and the British are acknowledged as the best at it. Witness the careers of the fashion editors Lucinda. Chambers and Debbi Mason, who were founding members of British Elle ten years ago. Both became fabulous within their own circles for sitting in the front row of fashion shows wearing second-hand clothes.

During the late 1980s, with sharp-as-a-knife modern tailoring on the run-ways, it would be fair to say their respective stars were not in the ascendant. They bided their time, had babies and went freelance. But in the past couple of months Ms Chambers has been promoted to the fashion director of British Vogue, and Ms Mason has been called to New York, where she is about to take up the fashion directorship of Mademoiselle magazine.

Pashion designers are on to the growing lure of the old and the shabby, too. Ralph Lauren's show in New York last mouth was easily one of the most wearable and appealing collections of the season — but the elements, 1930s dresses, ruffle-fronted blouses and silky print scarves, looked as



SARAH MOWER

if they had been culled from antique stores. Since it is well known in the trade that Mr Lauren routinely trawls the United Kingdom for beautiful old clothes to adapt for his collections, I became inspired by the conviction that I could do it

So, last week, I went in search of shahby chic — the lifestyle. I trailed round London and back to my roots in Bath, a city that was shabby in the 1970s, became smart in the 1980s and is reverting to shabby type in the 1990s, much like me. In London, I discovered a shop on New King's Road actually called Shabby Chic. No relation to the US version, it uses ecologically sustainable woods and recycled fabrics - but it was not shabby enough by a long chalk. I wanted worn, I wanted faded, I wanted beaten up, or so I flought.

n Bath, I had to face facts. To be shabby chic properly, you need skills and resources i do not possess. You need unlimited time to trainin around Then, you must be dever with your hands to turn this old frock, which is the wrong shape and the wrong length but in a lovely fabric, or that old, chipped, threelegged curboard into things over which your friends will narrow their eyes and his with envy. Thirdly, you must have it in you to haggie £12.50 down to £12.

I do not. Next sesson, I have to admit, I will be one of those fools who will be out buying pre-sciected, carefully redesigned old/ethnic shabby citic in expensive stores. My comfort is that I am sure that I will be doing it in the company of many others who share the 1990s taste for shabby values grafted on to an unreconstructed 1980s just for instant shop-

ping gratification.

Much as I regret it, I have neither the stomach nor the nose for doing it the other way. Definitely not the nose, anyway. After my weekend among piles of old fabric in Bath, I have not stopped sneezing yet.

Gems in a golden career

David Hicks has turned his attention to jewellery design

very time David Hicks attends a dinner party and is seated next to one of what he refers to as "those sort-of upper class di-vorced ladies", invariably she will turn to him and say, "I bet you'll never guess what I do", and he will snap back, "I'm sure I know exactly what you do - you're a so-called bloody

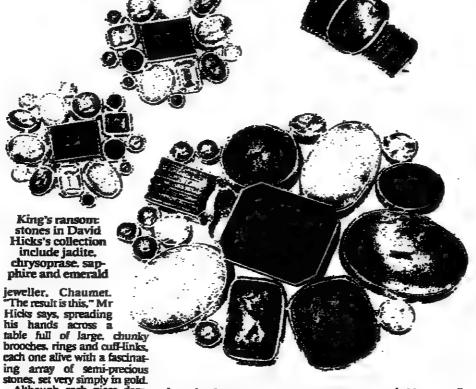
For Mr Hicks — Britain's foremost postwar designer not only of interiors, but of gardens, furniture and all manner of accessories — does not at all care to be associated with those whose passion is for circular tables smothered with cloths and windows swagged like a plush old Odeon.

Since the early 1960s, Mr Hicks, now 63, has been justly renowned for his style, taste and vivid colour schemes. He was an innovator in the field of interior design: such current cliches as uplighters, antiques mixed with modern and the interplay of textures are all Hicks originals, most of them

dating back 30 years. His furniture is not so well known cubic bedside tables that actually do the job and look good, strong painted chests in a simplification of Chippendale style but topped with twoinch-thick granite with simple solid brass handles.

Most of Mr Hicks's achievements have been copied wholesale without acknowledgment, and he seems resigned to the fact that his latest venture — a collection of 30 pieces of vibrant and refreshingly different jewellery — might well suffer the same fate. "It's always a risk — a likelihood actually," he says. "but by then I shall have

moved on to something else." The collection came about as a result of a hunch at which Mr Hicks's wife, Lady Pamela (a daughter of Earl Mountbatten of Burma), was wearing a striking brooch - Mr Hicks's very first jewellery design -which caught the eye of John Lloyd Morgan, the managing director of the Bond Street



the artist. Certainly, Mr Hicks has brought to bear his leg-endary insistence upon perfection (the settings, executed in the Chaumet workshops, are flawless) and he speaks of each stone with enthusiasm. "This one," he says, pointing to a semi-rugged chunk of purple

stone, surrounded by creamily smooth turquoise, opaks and tourmaline, is called sugilite

— I discovered it in Natal: it is completely unknown in this

country". There is also a massive bracelet clustered with amethyst, tournaline, opal, rhodolian, and a showstopping necklace with strands of turquoise and chrysocolla brilliantly set off a great big slab of blue topaz.

Prices range from £1,000 to more than £10,000. "Par too

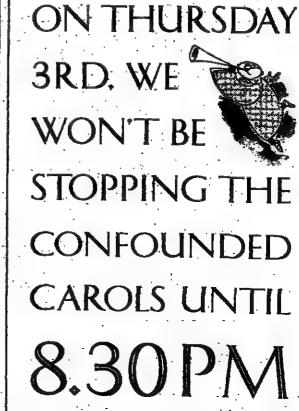
crosite, rose quartz and come-

cheap." Mr Hicks says. He is given to provocative state-ments ("I don't care about ments ("I don't care about people, I care about things", for example, or "I like my clients to be either very intelligent or totally stupid"). What he means about the prices is that the big spenders from the Middle East would not be interested unless the pieces. interested unless the pieces were studded with rubies, emeralds and the rest - a possibility for the next time,

Mr Hicks says. Until then, there are the interiors of a new house in Surrey to be considered (designed by his son, Ashley, an architect) and a range of plastic garden furniture ("I have the colour in mind — it is a colour never before used in gardens") as well as a book (his tenth) called My Kind of Garden. "I like to do different things - stained-glass windows for churches will be next to commemorate all one's friends who keep popping off.
I do what I like, really. I am

completely my own man."

An exhibition of David Hick's jewellery runs until December 24 at Chaumet, 178 No. 2

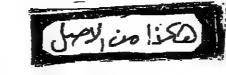


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two shakes from Piccadilly Circus.







In a political tight spot? Have a wide-ranging, far-reaching, no-stone-unturned enquiry

The strange tale of flexible friends. cigarettes, champagne and wild, wild women in Paddington, Notting Hill or wherever has now generated three "enquiries". Thresher, we are told, conducted an internal enquiry into the Bricout and Raffles outrage at the Praed Street branch and quickly announced that John Onanuga and David Newton had made up the story on the spur of the moment. Meanwhile, the Home Office is "enquiring" into the ease with which confidential banking information can be bought and the National Audit Office is "enquiring" into the use of public money to pay Norman Lamont's legal costs in the awesome Miss Whiplash affair.

Oh, and in case you missed it, Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, has launched an "enquiry" into who painted a Hitler moustache on a portrait of Lady Thatcher. It will, we trust, be wide-reaching, farranging and no-stone-unturned-leaving. On a possibly slightly higher level of significance the government is waiting for the results of the coal enquiry that emerged from the attempted pit closures and for Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the covert arming of Saddam Hussein.

But what, exactly, is an enquiry? Most obviously it is a way of buying time. Once an enquiry is announced, the whole issue becomes effectively, if not technically, sub judice. Everybody can hide behind the reassuring certainty that an enquiry is

This, of course, presupposes the intrinsic virtue of the enquiry idea. We can be reassured by the mere existence of an official enquiry that cool objectivity and rationality are being applied to the source of our suspicions and fears. And, once the results are officially announced, we can go on to feel purged by a sense of completion, by the

Unfortunately none of this works because the enquiry currency has been thoroughly debased. In part this may be because of paranoia. The Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy inspired a thousand conspiracy theories, primarily because people wanted to believe the truth was more exciting. more organised than Warren made it sound. Warren may well have been right and complete, but the authority of modern government is too enfeebled for any institution to be capable of insisting on its own version of the truth.

"There will be no whitewash at the White House," said Richard Nixon at the height of Watergate, a remark that blithely aspired to overlook the perfectly clear public awareness that whitewashing was precisely what large numbers of the White House staff were paid to do.

ut it is in this country that the word has been most thoroughly debased. Remember Sir Robert (now Lord) Armstrong's enquiry into the leak intended to damage Michael Heseltine during the Westland affair in 1985. Sir Robert found nothing particularly wrong. Was he right? It does not matter, for Sir Robert's role was simply to protect the system, whatever its ethical posture.

So impressed was Mrs Thatcher by this that she sent Sir Robert to Australia in pursuit of the Spycatcher affair, but there he looked foolish.

But the official assumption is important. It is based on the belief that there is something in the system more valuable than the exposure of truth or the workings of justice. This undermines all enouiries.

And they are further undermined by another belief, revealed by the numerous enquiries whose results are incompletely published. This is that the public is not qualified, competent or trustworthy enough to be told the whole truth. We simply have to accept that, in the secrecy of their workings, great minds are protecting us, that there will be no whitewash at the White House.

Both beliefs relativise the meaning of the word enquiry. And yet the word still has this quasi-legal connotation of absolute objectivity and justice. So governments still invoke enquiries. Indeed, they do so ever more compulsively as their own position weakens and as meaning drains from

We should not judge too harshly the record of Channel Islanders during the war, says Daniel Johnson

The collaborator in us all

I f the Nazis had invaded Britain, a great many of us would have collaborated Nobody should feel too smug about those who actually did, in the one part of the British Isles where the myth of "we shall never surrender" was put to the test. The picture which emerges from the German occupation of the Channel Islands, many files on which were released yester-day by the Public Record Office, is not a flattering one. Half a century later, many documents are still kept, servet "for reasons of personal sensitivity." Those of personal sensitivity". Those who enquire too deeply into what happened on the islands are still often met by a resistance stiffer than anything the Ger-

mans encountered.

Even before the Germans arrived at the end of June 1940, the Guernsey authorities are alleged to have given their own population priority over the civilians on Alderney. During the next five years — when Alderney was turned into a slave labour colony run by the SS and the Todt Organisation - the civilian administrations on Jersey and Guernsey chose discre-tion rather than valour. "May this occupation be a model to took place in September 1942 (some of these people were destined for concentration camps on the continent and the world," wrote Guernsey's Attorney-General Ambrose Sherwill at the time. never returned), "the Superior Council considered resigning as a protest, but fortunately wiser counsel prevailed". The surviving deportees, who have never

In a way, it was. The German Occupation of Jersey, a detailed diary kept by L.P. Sinel, a journalist on the Evening Post, chronicles the daily privations of the civilians and the many small British governments, might not have agreed with this wiser the civilians and the many small ways in which the Bailiff, Alex-ander Coutanche (later to be The island authorities supknighted), and the Superior Council of the States of Jersey plied the Germans with all the nformation they required, most were able to ameliorate their notoriously on the identification of Jews. Only one member of

Guernsey's Controlling Com-mittee voted against the Nazi anti-Jewish measures. The au-Germans treated obedient Channel Islanders more kindly than civilians elsewhere in Europe. Indeed the newly rethorities helped to enforce these leased files suggest that Gerand other pernicious orders. mans liked to be billeted in They possessed an ultimate sanction: the selection of indi-

When 1,186 deportations viduals for deportation was an

invidious business in which the administrators may not have been blameless. Little seems to have been attempted (except by brave individuals) on behalf of the thousands of slave workers. many of whom were starving to death. Even in the last days. there was no official encourage-ment of passive resistance, let received a penny of compensa-tion from either the German or alone acts of sabotage.

S uch sins of commission and omission were not necessarily collaboration in the commonly accepted sense. That word has been reserved for those who became informers, or who had close relationships with German soldiers, or who profited from the state of siege by making for-tunes on the black market. These people were more numerous than the islanders liked to admit, but it would be wrong to suppose that a sharp demarca-

the rest of the population.
It is not too late to ask who was guilty of what, especially in regard to the Alderney camps (about which some islanders knew a good deal). More interesting is the question of what the experiences of these close-knit communities tell us about how collaboration would have operated on the British mainland if Hitler had invaded successfully.

During the war, William Joyce ("Lord Haw Haw") was a joke. When it was over, he was hanged as a traitor after a dubious three-day trial, under a law (the Treason Act 1945) which was only passed after his arrest. Why? He was no longer a threat, if he had ever been one: he had indeed become a pathetic figure, still giving the Nazi salute as he was led from the dock. The awkward fact that Joyce was executed as a scape-

goat is, however, explained by an even more unpalatable truth. The authorities knew that under a German occupation there might have been many more Joyces than heroes of the resistance. His version of National Socialism, as expounded in his book Twilight over Eng-land, seems laughable today. But shorn of its lunatic anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, there is a good deal in it that could have appealed to the workers who wited so decisively for Attlee's Labour party in

No. the British were not immune to the power to which half Europe succumbed. The proof is contained in the mouldering files on the burghers of Jersey and Guernsey. At the outset of the occupation a German officer asked the Dame of Sark, Mrs Sybil Hathaway:
"You are not arraid?" Keeping her cool, she replied in excellent German: "Is there any need to be afraid of German officers?" It was a question to which many Britons might have given an

Banana-skin governance

An outbreak of silliness diverts ministers from their real tasks

ymptoms of a detached retina include "spots before the eyes, flashing lights and a shadow over the eye with progressive loss of vision". The eye cannot focus. Images pile on each other. Nothing seems quite real.

Thus British politics at present. Ask history what vexed the government at the close of 1992 and it will have no problem: how to end recession, what to do with Europe, what role in a new world order. Ask

SIMON JENKINS

what vexed Britain's governors and the vision fills with spots. flashes and dark shadows, with sex therapists and royal phone tappers, with fantasist wine salesmen and adulterers in Chelsea strip. Her Majesty's Treasury briefs the press on Thresher's off-licence invoice policy. The Comptroller and Auditor General is summoned from his Olympus to ponder £4,700 (incl VAT) spent on the Chancellor's wild weekend of "press advice". C.V. Wedgwood once wrote

of the British zest to debunk politicians: "Suspicion of power and suspicion of motive are valuable if held in control, but can paralyse all human action if they themselves take control." Certainly personalities and policies, have always been the warp and weft of politics. Yet what here really matters? Politics seems to be reacting against a summer of Maastricht tedium. It has become intoxicated on a late flowering of silliness. Yesterday Tory MPs authoritatively claimed that there is now a "concerted campaign against the Chancellor of the Exchequer from persons unnamed". Norman Lamont's series of mishaps are too coincidental to be fortuitous. There is a plot. The predators have rasted the blood of one cabinet minister. David Mellor, and now want more. I have always thought a concerted. press campaign to be a contradiction in terms. Frenetic rivalry, not conspiracy is the custom and practice of the press. The whips conspire. Civil servants (including drivers) conspire. The police and MI5 conspire. They all talk to journalists and no minister is ever safe from



them. The press merely adds its own magic ingredient, cruelty. The press personifies the nation's desire to see the mighty taken down a peg. It loves to kick a man when he is down. In doing so it competes, but does

I noticed that fell phrase appearing in "lobby copy" this week, that Tory MPs do not want Mr Lamont to be forced into resignation at present, but "wondered how long he could resist the pressure". Pressure

from where? Ministers are answerable for their jobs to the prime minister and for their remutations to their backbenchers. Tory MPs are the ultimate arbiters of Mr Lamont's fate. The press is merely a convenient proxy for their own snap judg-ment, as Mr Mellor painfully

discovered. To be sure there is no end of puzzles in the Mellor and Lamont affairs. Why do newspapers no longer check embarrassing stories direct with those concerned, and hold off until they have done so? Why were the mostly fabricated. Mellor revelations" never put to him? What has happened to the press code of practice on privacy, blatantly breached in the matter of Mr Lamont's Thresher invoice and Access accounts? I see nowhere in the privacy code that its terms do not apply to

embattled Chancellors. And what of Peter Carter-Ruck and the Middleton memo? Any minister who calls

Mr Carter-Ruck knows two things, that he charges high fees and that a warning from him goads the press to dig deeper. Again there is nothing particularly wrong in the taxpayer contributing to a minister's legal fees; but to £4,000 of "press advice" at a time when the legal aid budget is under assault? And has the Comptroller and Auditor General nothing better to do than to

investigate this tiny sum

"two to three weeks"?

Norman Lamont should brace

himself for further revelations

Society is to be put under the

microscope by Sydney Elwood, clerk of Cambridge University's

debating society from 1948 to

1967. Elwood, now 85, is writing his memoirs for publication next

year and promises an armful of

anecdotes about former union

presidents, including Lamont.

who was president in 1964 when

this cartoon of him was published

president of the Cambridge Union

about his past. His time as

This should be small talk. Yet political silliness has its own conventions, its own heartless cliches formed in the eddies of Westminster gossip. Words like "question mark", "tarnished", "poor judgment" hover over individuals in ways unrelated to their official performance. What the nation might consider a hanging offence - grand larceny with the public finances - is considered a peccadillo in Westminster. What might seem a peccadillo to the nation is a hanging offence within the confines of the club.

For Mr Lamont to be expected to resign for delay in paying his Access or Brighton hotel bills or for accepting the tactless generosity of Sir Peter Middleton would be absurd. To roll all this up into a bundle marked "private but reflecting on wider judgment" is mealy-mouthed. If John Major had wanted a sacrificial lamb for the recessionary actions initiated by himself in 1990 and concluded on September 16, Mr Lamont was the obvious lamb. But Mr Major stood by him, as did his backbenchers. If the Comptroller and Auditor General has time to kill, how about the £1 billion or so spent on supporting sterling after the Treasury knew that devaluation was unavoidable, spent so that ministers could say they were forced to devalue only by market pressure? Value for money?

here have been a dozen plausible moments for Tory MPs to march into the whips office in the past two years and demand the Chancellor's head. They have not done so. They have gathered in the committee rooms and banged their desks in his support. Now they turn yellow-bellied at the flash of a Carter-Ruck invoice or the pop of a Thresher's champagne cork. They see these comic cuts consuming forests of newsprint. They see them leading the television news. This distracts ministers and undermines cabinet efficiency, speciously validating the gossip-monger's craft. Every cabinet needs a Cali-

ban, not just to gather wood but to carry some burden of guilt for misdemeanours "in the dark backward and abysm of time". Mr Lamont thus serves his master. (But having a Caliban. Mr Major badly needs a Prospero and an Ariel.) Since September 16 Mr Lamont has also pursued sensible policies sensibly. He has begun to do the right thing. There will be a time for his translation. It is not today over a mess of invoices, an unethical intrusion and a panic of backbench pusillanimity.

Pennies for the party

NICE TO SEE that amid all the fuss about Treasury handouts to her husband. Rosemary Lamont is doing her bit to put some cash back into the party's empty coffers. Mrs Lamont is "at home" at 11 Downing Street this morning with 250 to 300 guests to raise money for the beleaguered Conservative

party.

Tickets for the coffee morning. which is being hosted jointly with Sandra Howard, wife of the employment secretary, have gone out to the wives of all the cabinet ministers. The event is expected to raise at least £5,000 worth of gifts for the party's winter ball next year. one of the most glittering events in the Tories' social calendar.

Mrs Lamont, who has a reputation for striking a hard bargain. has not left the fund-raising aspect to chance. Guests have been rather firmly "invited" to bring prizes for the tombola stall for the winter ball. The letter accompanying the invitation states: "It would be wonderful if you were able to bring three or four prizes value about £5 each. We would like to collect about 1,000

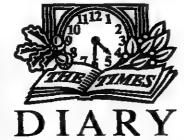
Among those who are expected

to attend, and whose presence will lend much appreciated support to the Lamonts, are Norma Major. Maurice Saatchi. Peter Gummer and Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, as well as a variety of Tory MPs and party officials. The Chancellor is expected to make an appearance at the fund-raising, which should go some way to placating some of his critics in the

Tory party.
Penny Gummer, wife of the agriculture minister, expects the morning to be a triumph for Mrs Lamont. She is hoping to pop in with her tombola prizes and says: "Like a lot of wives who have been to number I I, I think Rosemary is extremely generous with her time. She is a wonderful hostess. Everyone has a lovely time because she makes people feel at home in her home. She uses her house for

various good causes." As many Tory workers would testify there is no more needy cause at present than the parlous state of the party's finances.

● Music lovers attending tonight's performance by Docklands has interviewed every prime minis-Sinfonietta at the Barbican will be ter since Harold Macmillan, it is



surprised to see the female mem-bers of the orchestra decked out in the latest fashions rather than their traditional sombre evening gowns. The orchestra has just struck a new sponsorship deal with Warehouse, the high street fashion chain, which is giving in kind. The women musicians have had a wonderful time trying on all the clothes," says a spokeswoman. "The men will still be in black tie".

No cracks for Jim

IF popular mythology is to be believed, Baroness Thatcher, when she was prime minister, would regularly kick off her shoes and listen to The Jimmy Young Show on BBC Radio 2. Despite the fact that he Lady Thatcher with whom he is irrevocably linked. He interviewed her more than ten times. Nevertheless, Young still does

him Mrs Thatcher's favourite broadcaster. "I never met her socially. The only time I spoke to her was in the studio and then only on air." Young revealed at the party in the House of Commons to celebrate 19

years of his show on Monday

Surrounded by his holiday stand-ins - Neil Kinnock, Lord Archer and Edwina Currie - Young admitted that interviewing the former prime minister was never easy. Lady Thatcher was not one for re-

laxing during the musical inter-ludes in the interview. "She would always ask for a pad on her arrival and the moment the music started she would start writing and cease conversation. There was no small talk. Ever." said

Young. Now aged 69, Young, who has no intention of retiring, has made at least one programme that was more nerve-wracking than interviewing the former prime minister.

"It was the first live broadcast to Europe from Moscow in 1977," the disc jockey recalled. "All went



back on the World Service to Russia the next day. The Russians threatened to throw me in prison if I ever returned."

 Norman Lamont appears to be one of the few people who has not bought Bricout champagne and Raffles cigarettes at Thresher's in Praed Street. Since the erroneous news of his "purchase" was leaked the shop has been inundated with people wanting the recession-bust-

in the January 24 edition of New Cambridge. "He was a fine debater and very well dressed," Elwood says. "He put things over very well. But I do think he has been treated very badly recently."

Up and atom

A ROW of atomic proportions has broken out over Glasgow District's Council policy of declaring itself a "nuclear-free zone", and the main victim could be the city's Royal Concert Hall. Scottish Nuclear is rumoured to be considering withdrawing its £20,000 three-year grant from the concert hall because the council, which also funds the hall, openly advertises itself as

"nuclear-free" and campaigns to

phase out Scottish Nuclear's two power stations. Hunterstone B and

The 2,500-seater hall, built two years ago, hosts a wide variety of concerts, from Neil Sedaka to the St Petersburgh Philharmonia. Its grant from Scottish Nuclear is due to run to 1994. But a council spokesman says: "It is more than likely that the grant will be cut at the end of the year. I could not possibly comment on the conflict with our nuclear-free policy."

A Scottish Nuclear spokesman says "It's a storm in a teacup. We are not going to withdraw the grant. And how can Glasgow be nuclear-free? Fifty per cent of their electricity is supplied by as."

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COSMETIC BLOCK

Labour MPs should revert to choosing their own leader

Within the Labour party the trade unions have always paid the piper. The question facing 17 men and women, as they meet in Walworth Road this morning, is how far they should go on calling the tune. The key is the block vote which, in the first flush of coming to the leadership last July, John Smith gave every sign of wanting to replace. Alas, everything that has happened since has provided a melancholy illustration of the power of inertia in Labour politics.

The review group, charged by Mr Smith with the task of looking at the party's traditional links with the unions, has laboured for four months; but all it has produced is an insignificant mouse. Its draft report is concerned principally with cosmetics.

The unions are to be allowed to continue flexing their industrial muscle over policymaking. The only difference is that they are to be encouraged to do so in future with a little more delicacy. Accordingly, their share of the vote at the party conference will be reduced ultimately to a modest 50 per cent (next year it will be a slightly less bashful 70 per cent), and even the most brazen of the barons will find themselves denied the pleasure of brandishing cards symbolising as many as a million votes. Different areas of a union will cast their votes separately but still, we are assured, in step with the union's

national policy. At the grassroots, too, attempts are to be made to temper any unfortunate impression of constituency parties proposing and unions disposing. Instead of marching into selection conferences as self-contained industrial units, affiliated trade union branches are to be required to exert their clout through the gauze curtain of a roll of "registered Labour supporters". Such

transparent sleights-of-hand hardly seem likely to deceive anyone.

Labour's new leader is said to be unhappy with the result of the review group's deliberations - and it is easy to understand why. He cannot afford to give the impression that, when it comes to modernising the party, he is less of a reformer than his predecessor, Neil Kinnock, Mr Kinnock's dedication to the principle of "one member, one vote" was always both consistent and courageous: he lost a crucial battle over it at his very first conference as party leader.

By instinct and nature a more cautious figure, Mr Smith betrayed absolutely no appetite for risking a similar rebuff at this year's party conference; but if setting up the review group bought him time, it only postponed - and did not avoid - the moment at which he will have to show the

colour of his own convictions. Back in the leadership campaign of last summer, those seemed obvious enough. Then Mr Smith even hinted that he hoped his own election would be the last in which the block vote operated. The review group has given him short shrift even on that. Its draft report suggests that, at best, it proposes to modify the predominant weight of the trade union block vote within the electoral college, not to remove it.

If Mr Smith seriously wishes to send a reassuring message to the electorate, then he could do worse than to intimate that his own preferred solution is for Labour MPs to revert to electing their own leader - just as they always did before the outbreak of Bennite "accountability" in 1980-81. It would certainly be one way of demonstrating that he, at least, is not content to have his party regarded as a wholly-owned trade union subsidiary.

LAWS OF SEX AND PAIN

Consensual sado-masochism should not be made a crime

When a group of men — including a local government officer, a computer operator and an engineer - meet in the privacy of their own homes, one might expect them to engage in the usual activities: the odd drink, a little banter, perhaps a soccer match on television or a game of bridge. It would be beyond the bounds of most people's imagination to envisage the sort of get-together that led to the prosecution of five middle-aged men, whose case is now before the House of Lords. In a newspaper that is read over breakfast, the details need not be spelt out. Suffice it to say that these men engaged in sado-masochistic activities that would turn the stomachs of most people.

In December 1990, they were convicted at the Old Bailey under the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act, for assault and aiding and abetting assault. The judgment was upheld in the Court of Appeal last February by Lord Lane, who cited the precedent of a 1934 case in which a man was found guilty of assault when he caned a woman "for the purposes of sexual gratification".

All the acts concerned in today's case were committed with the consent of the "victim". These men enjoyed being hurt, indeed asked other people to hurt them. All the offences took place in private, with no intention to deprave or corrupt anybody else. None of the injuries was severe enough to warrant medical treatment. The men thought they were indulging in homosexual acts in private between consenting adults, and were therefore perfectly within the law.

English law already stretches far into citizens' sexual behaviour. Buggery between consenting men over 21 is now legal, but it is still illegal between men and women, even between husbands and wives. If the House of Lords upholds the lower courts' judgments, the constraints on what consenting adults can do to each other in private will tighten still further.

Lord Lane held that consent could be no defence, citing a 1980 Appeal Court case of two youths who received minor injuries when they agreed to fight each other. The fight was ruled illegal because there was "no good reason" for the assaults to be allowed. The satisfying of the sado-masochistic libido does not come within the category of good reason," said Lord Lane.

That does not seem self-evident. If the activities in the Spanner case are to be made illegal, why not spanking or whipping for sexual gratification, both of which take place by consent, sometimes even in houses owned by famous men. Boxing is a sport in which men intentionally bring each other closer to death than the accused in the Spanner case did. Yet it is both legal and honoured.

Of course consent is vital, and one person harming another is always vulnerable to the victim withdrawing his consent afterwards. But if the victim continues to contend that he wanted the "assault" to take place, if there is no evidence of coercion or intention to do more harm than was consented to, the result can be no business of the law.

Judge Rant, in the first hearing, said that "the courts must draw the line between what is acceptable in a civilised society and what is not". That is a proposition both dubious and dangerous. He is not appointed to decide such a question. Indeed, the very mark of a civilised society is that, as far as possible, it allows its citizens the liberty and the privacy to do as they like.

RAINBOW CONFUSION

Ireland's Labour leader must find every scrap of consensus

Dick Spring, leader of the Irish Labour party, has emerged from last week's elections in the Republic the all-conquering bronze medallist. In spite of impressive gains in the Dail, Labour still has fewer MPs than either Fine Gael or Fianna Fáil. Yet the oddities of the Irish electoral system mean that the charismatic Mr Spring is now undisputed power-broker in the search for a new pact.

Though he makes no secret of his ambition to replace Fianna Fail's discredited Albert Reynolds as taoiseach, the true test of the Labour leader's statesmanship will be his ability to forge a new and stable coalition. Since the election, the punt has weakened and overnight interest rates have soared to 100 per cent. Without (and perhaps even with) devaluation, a quarter of the Irish workforce will soon be unemployed. The Republic desperately needs a strong administration to steer it away from economic

Mr Spring's claim to authority is that of a self-styled mould-breaker. While Labour doubled its representation in the Dail, Fianna Fáil's showing last week was its worst since 1927, the year after its foundation by Eamon de Valera in opposition to the Anglo-Irish Treaty. John Bruton's Fine Gael also lost seats. Like the election of Mary Robinson as president two years ago, these are small signs that 70 years of attrition fought on the tired battle lines of the civil war

may now be drawing to a close. The news of creeping change cannot disguise the sheer familiarity of the difficulties facing Mr Spring and his prospective partners. As ever, the parties are dithering at their leisure over the spoils of the election,

and have left the lame-duck Reynolds government, with little immediate prospect of replacement, to preside over a currency crisis. Mr Spring has indicated that the consultations, which began in earnest yesterday, may drag on for several weeks.

The likeliest pact to emerge from the smoke-filled rooms will bring together Labour. Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats, the so-called "rainbow coalition". Labour has already ruled out privatisation, and proposes instead a national jobs forum and an old-fashioned interventionist package which would increase public borrowing by at least £350 million next year. Fine Gael and the PDs, in contrast, support private-sector solutions to the country's economic ills and a tight rein on public spending. Hailed as a new kind of Irish government, such a coalition might be as fissiparous as its forebears.

To avoid this, Mr Spring must make the most of those issues where there is identity of opinion among the three parties, beyond a shared distrust of Fianna Fáil. All are committed to a legislative, rather than constitutional, settlement of the abortion question, following last week's botched referendum. All favour an improvement in Anglo-Irish relations and a less dogmatic approach to Northern Ireland.

There is also room for compromise on taxation. But, to secure that compromise, Mr Spring may have to yield power to the uninspiring Mr Bruton, whose party commands 12 more seats than Labour and would find it difficult to accept Mr Spring as taoiseach. On this occasion, today's heir apparent may have to settle for the role of kingmaker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Queen's decision to pay tax

From Mr Alexander Seddon

Sir. Janet Daley ("Who owns Windsor Castle?". November 24) misunder-stands the status of Her Majesty when she discusses whether the monarch "as an ordinary citizen" should pay tax. The Crown is the traditional first estate of our constitution, the Queen is the pinnacle of that estate and as our head of state would appear to be above the status of citizen, which is a modern synonym for a subject.

The idea that the Queen should have two personae would not only create a confusing mixture of Her Majesty the Queen and "Mrs Windsor the citizen" but automatically destroy the sanctity of the monarch as the sovereign leader of our nation.
It is not for us to impose standards

upon the Sovereign. Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER SEDDON, The Old Vicarage, 26 Wandle Road, SW17. November 26.

From Mrs Helen Carver

Sir, I really must protest about Philip Howard's article (November 26). What does he think the Queen is doing but "getting on with the untidy business of life"?

In any other profession after 40 years of loyal service she would be given a gold clock and grateful thanks. The British press have de-cided to tear her limb from limb at every opportunity. They all deserve the Bloody Tower.

Yours faithfully, HELEN CARVER. 10 Willow Court, Marchani Lane, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, November 26.

From Lydia Duchess of Bedford

Sir, We have become a totally graceless society. Why do we not thank the Queen for this gesture she has made? Instead it is "How much?". "Too late", "What is she worth?" etc., all

ugly.

The image of our royal family should remain shrouded somewhat in mystique, for this is their right. Even Joe Bloggs keeps his financial picture close to his chest.

Yours etc., LYDIA BEDFORD. Ribsden Cottage, Chertsey Road. Windlesham, Surrey.

From Mr Ron Hoggart

Sir. I doff my cap to the Queen and to the Prince of Wales for volunteering to pay income tax. I would never have done so It makes a refreshing change for

somebody to opt in rather than seek to OPT OUL Yours sincerely.

RON HOGGART. 111 Kirkstall Lane, Kirkstall, West Yorkshire. November 27.

From Mr Charles Clifford Sir. Surely no taxation without representation?

Yours faithfully, CHARLES CLIFFORD. 17 St Anne's Court, W1. November 30.

Services and shows

From Mr G. C. M. Young

Sir. Could those who organise memorial services perhaps consider whether a church is the appropriate place or whether such occasions should be arranged in theatres or other places of public entertainment. Recently, for instance, you have reported (November 25, 27) where one or two parsons have officiated, but they are "supported" by an actor reading a lesson; other people in the acting, media or allied professions then "gave addresses", "read pas-sages", and sang "from popular shows". In one such thanksgiving 15 people took part in addition to the priest. Cecil B. DeMille would have been proud to stage such a perfor-

Yours faithfully GRAHAM YOUNG. New Milton, Back Lane, Fairford, Gloucestershire. November 30.

First catch your boar

From Mrs Amoret Tanner

Sir, What has happened to your readers' sense of humour and culinary enterprise (letters, November 13, 24)? Our Christmas lunch last year was a roast of pork, previously marinated for four days in wine and herbs. served with game accompaniments. Firmly told that they were being included in wild boar as a special treat, three generations of consumers marvelled and suspected nothing until this public confession.

Yours faithfully, AMORET TANNER, The Footprint. Padworth Common, Reading, Berkshire, November 24.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Privatisation of Inland Revenue

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, The programme of market testing in government departments an-nounced by Mr William Waldegrave (report, November 26) should be examined closely. If it is, even though it conceals more than it reveals, it should alarm your readers.

It is becoming clear that the Treasury team is intent on surreptitiously privatising in a variety of ways much of the Inland Revenue. This is being done without public debate and by hiding key structure changes in the administration of government behind the cloak of the citizen's charter.

Taxpayers' and companies' rights to privacy and confidentiality will barely get a hearing as their highly sensitive material is passed to the private sector. In addition to the privatisation of Inland Revenue services such as typing and computer processing, other radical changes are being planned, again in secret and without consultation with taxpayers or businesses.

Private-sector banks also handle confidential information, as the government reminds us. But then you can choose your bank and what information you divulge to it. You can't do that with your tax office.

Plans are being made to reorganise the Inland Revenue network of local offices, with threats to local access and taxpayer service, without any proper consultations with the public, accoun-

tants - let alone Revenue staff. Following closely behind are pro-posals to fundamentally alter the relationship between the taxpayer and the Revenue. People will be required to do the Revenue's job by assessing their own taxes. And if they cannot do that they will have to pay an agent to do it on their behalf, just as they do in

America. And as in America, a small core Inland Revenue will need a battery of draconian powers to enforce compliance of the tax laws, not just a major shift in culture for more customer service, but a tearing up of the contract between the citizen and the state.

Now is the time for a proper public debate on the machinery of government and taxpayers rights, not after fundamental decisions have been made, by few and in secret.

Yours faithfully. CLIVE BROOKE. General Secretary. Inland Revenue Staff Federation, Douglas Houghton House, 231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1. November 24.

not have applied in Mr Lamont's

Winchester House, Winchester Street,

Sir, I recently resigned from the

Conservative party over the attempt to

close the pits prematurely. Now I read that whilst I was a member, party

funds were secretly used to subsidise

Is there any way I can resign twice?

28 Brown's Hill, Dartmouth, Devon.

Sir. So - Norman Lamont likes a

drink and doesn't keep up to date with

his Access payments. At last, a Tory

politician I can identify with.

Botley, Southampton, Hampshire.

Yours faithfully, M. J. WILLIAMS,

DAVID ALLAN,

Polsons (solicitors).

From Mr Peter Hassell

Yours faithfully, PETER HASSELL,

From Dr Bob Bury

Yours faithfully,

BOB BURY,

December 1.

Lamont.

Lamont expenses

From Mr Hugh Cartwright

Sir, The payment to Mr Lamont of over £23,000 in respect of legal fees for the eviction of his tenant is clearly a benefit from his office, and therefore a benefit in kind. It follows that the payment should be subject to tax at 40

Some of this expense will, of course, be deductible from the rental income, and thus tax relievable. But it is unlikely that this income is high enough to cover the expenses. As any rental loss may not be set-off against other income, it should cost the Chancellor some tax.

And so it should. Yours faithfully, HUGH CARTWRIGHT,

32 Enmore Gardens, East Sheen, SW14. November 30.

Sameness is all

From the Director of the

From Mr Michael Williams and Mr David Allan

Sir. When we do work funded by the government (i.e., legal aid) we are obliged to charge specific hourly rates and our bill is subjected to rigorous

Is there any reason why this should Oakwood, Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Georgian Group Sir, The leasehold enfranchisement measures now before Parliament will be very damaging to important parts of the country's architectural heritage, particularly in London.

Much of the development of central London in the Georgian period was carried out by large estates, and many of the historic estates which survive maintain their property to a high standard and impose a uniformity of appearance which is an important part of the character of the buildings

and areas concerned. There are other examples of historic estates practising good management elsewhere in the country. Leasehold enfranchisement will

lead to the erosion and break-up of these estates and the benefits which their management produces will be lost. The government argues that existing powers with respect to listed buildings and conservation areas mean that this loss will not be felt, but these powers do not compare with the detailed control exercised by estate managements.

Once this is removed random alterations, different paint colours and simply poor maintenance will gradually transform the character of the estates. They should be exempted from the effects of the proposed legislation.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL CUDLIPP, Director, The Georgian Group, 37 Spital Square, E1. November 30.

Judicial appointments

From the Acting President and the Secretary of the Council of Chairmen of Industrial Tribunals

Sir. The full pensionable service for chairmen of industrial tribunals is 15 years, as it is for circuit judges and High Court judges, but chairmen are paid significantly less. Because of that salary differential the office of chairman is not so attractive to those who have the necessary expertise at the age at which they would have to be appointed if they are to be required in tuture to serve for 20 years to attain full pension entitlement.

The result, therefore, would be either that those of lesser ability would seek the appointments at that age, or the able candidates would seek appointments later. The public interest would not, therefore, be well served by what would inevitably be either a lowering of standard, or an increase in the average age.

The jurisdiction of the industrial tribunal has grown considerably, is continuing to expand and, more importantly, has a closer connection and involvement with European law than any other forum in the United Kingdom. It also requires a close knowledge of real life in the workplace from its chairmen, as well as its lay

The difficulty of obtaining even part-time chairmen of the right quality has already been referred to in your columns (Law Times, August 4) by the President of Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, His Honour Judge Timothy Lawrence, when he pointed out the problem of their rates of pay. It is from those part-time chairmen that full-time chairmen are appointed; inevitably the average age of part-time chairmen will increase. The effect of this, coupled with the

present proposals, will mean a rise in

the average age of full-time chairmen. unless there is a corresponding drop in quality. We venture to suggest that that cannot be in the public interest.

Yours faithfully, M. A. RICH, Acting President CHRISTOPHER GOODCHILD. Secretary. Council of Chairmen of Industrial Tribunals. 3rd Floor, Dukes Keep, Southampton, Hampshire.

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, The Lord Chancellor will cause the institution of the judiciary in this country to take a giant step forward when he appoints one of the several excellent "solicitor" judges now sitting in the Crown and the county courts to the High Court bench.

The fact that those solicitor judges already exist shows that it is simply not true to say, as you do (leading article, November 24), that to qualify for a judgeship a candidate must be a high-flying barrister, and a QC to boot. Some of those judges who came from the solicitor's branch of the legal profession are already licensed to sit as deputy judges of the High Court and have made a considerable contribution, particularly in the field of family

An appointment of one of that group to sit as a judge of the Family Division would mark that contribution, would help to alter the common perception of the judiciary which is so accurately portrayed in your leader and would help to tackle the shortage of High Court judges reported in your paper on the preceding day.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER JACKSON, 61a Mill Hill Road. Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Art world dismay over grants

From the Chairman of the National Art Collections Fund

Sir, Simon Mundy Better, November 25) has quite rightly drawn attention to the depressing implications for the art world of the Chapitellor's Autumn Statement. Until this year the annual purchase grants of our 19 national museums had been frozen at 1985 levels. In real terms, the money available for the purchase of new works of art has declined steeply.

Under the guise of giving museums
"a new flexibility to belp them
manage better the government has
brought to an end the system of allocating separate grants-in-aid to-wards running costs, purchase grants, and building and maintenance. Our national museums will now have to determine for themselves whether they should spend the money given to them on mending holes in the roof or

adding to their collections. The new unitary grants-in-aid offer no comfort. In all but a few cases the money provided over the next three years will be declining in real terms and the aggregate total rising by less

than 2 per cent. The primary task of the National Art Collections Fund is to help our museums and galleries to acquire works of art. The effect of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement will be greatly to increase the burden placed on us and others like us.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS GOODISON, Chairman, National Art Collections Fund.

20 John Islip Street, SW1.

Vilnius discrimination

From Professor J. B. Deregowski

Sir. Your leader on November 17, "Lithuanian landslide", states that the Polish government disapproves of what it sees as discriminatory policies of the Lithuanian government against Poles living in Lithuania. It perceives the situation in Lithuania correctly. There is a plethora of evidence of such discrimination. Let me present you with one instance, which I have

personally verified. In 1907 the Polish community in Vilnius obtained permission (from the Russian Tsarist government) to establish a learned society and to erect a building for the purpose. Collection of voluntary contributions was made and the society flourished until the 1940s, when the Lithuanian authorities with no justification whatsoever occupied the building and dispersed the library in an attempt to extirpate

all signs of Polish culture. The building is still occupied. It is used, ironically, for storage of works of art from the Stalinist era. A Polish theatre which was built through the munificence of a private donor was, I understand, likewise sequestrated and remains so.

Yours faithfully, JAN B. DEREGOWSKI, University of Aberdeen, Department of Psychology, King's College, Old Aberdeen AB9 2UB.

Battle stations

From Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti Sir, If it were decided to change the name of King's Cross station to avoid offending French republican senti-ments (Dr Ralph Hawtrey's letter. November 19), perhaps it should revert to its former name "Battle Bridge". Near the station is Battlebridge Basin off the Regent's Canal on which stands the London Canal Museum in an old Victorian

ice horise. The name was changed to King's Cross when in 1830 a statue of George IV was erected where the Great North Road crossed the New Road (now Euston Road); described as a "hideous monstrosity", it was removed in 1845.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL ESSEX-LOPRESTI (Trustee, Canal Museum Trust). The London Canal Museum, 12/13 New Wharf Road, King's Cross, N1.

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PR example

From Mr W. C. Weston

Sir. Perhaps those people beguiled by the attractions of proportional representation might care to reflect on the political scene in the Irish Republic both now and as the auction develops.

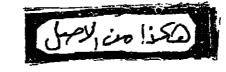
Yours faithfully, W. C. WESTON, 17 Tibberton. Newport, Shropshire. November 28.

Marking time

From Mr Matthew Hickley

Sir. Is promotional merchandising scaling new heights? The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra now offers a "Simon Ranie Wristwatch", where the celebrated conductor's picture appears and his hand and baton form the sweeping second hand. "Keep in time with Simon!"

Yours faithfully, M. HICKLEY 372 Heath Road South, Northfield, Birmingham 31.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 1: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.
Mr Sydney Chapman MP (Vice-Chairman of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Honourable Ronald Reagan and Mrs Reagan visited Her Majesty this afternoon. The Rt Hon John Major MP

(Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Elion as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Trustee, today attended Receptions for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow of the

Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening attended a Dinner and presented the Albert Medal at the Society's House, London WC2. Wing Commander Christopher

December 1: The Prince Edward today attended the 1992 Radio Comedy and Drama Awards Presentation and Luncheon at the May Fair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1. Mrs Richard Warburton was in

December 1: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning opened the Bedford and District Handicapped Riders Association's new Riding Complex at Balls Lane, Willington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, after-wards visited BPCC Waterlow Limited at Dunstable.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, subsequently visited Britannia Airways at Luton International Airport and was received by the

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in Her Royal Highness, President

National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, this afternoon attended the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London

The Princess Royal, Master, the

Worshipful Company of Loriners, this evening attended the Annual Livery Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers at Carpenters' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in CLARENCE HOUSE December 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the Colonels of her Regiments with her presence at Luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Alastair Aird were in The Lady Margaret Colville has

succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty. KENSINGTON PALACE December 1: The Prince of Wales. Patron, Atlantic Salmon Trust, today attended the Council of

mongers' Hall, London EC4.

RN was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President,
Royal College of General Practitioners, this evening attended a
Reception for the Commission on
Primary Care I and the Royal College,
Primary Care I and the Styl Prince's Gate, London SW7.

Miss Belinda Harley was in

Finally. The Prince of Wales, resident, The Prince's Youth Business Trust and The Prince's Trust, gave a Dinner for supporters of the Trusts at Kensington

The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Deaf Association, this morning attended the launch of the British Sign Language Dictionary at City Livery Club, Sion College, Victoria Embankment, London EC4.

Captain Edward Musto RM December 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Pa-

tron, was today entertained to huncheon at London Lighthouse, Lancaster Road, London, W11. Her Royal Highness sub-sequently viewed an exhibition to mark World Aids Day. The Lady Glenconner was in

December 1: The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Gala Performance given by Clonter Opera For All at the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music, London SW7. Mrs Howard Page YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 1: The Duke of Kent. Patron, this afternoon received Mr J J Campbell, Director General of the Institute of Export. His Royal Highness, Patron of

Forthcoming marriages

Mr NEH Bain

and Miss K.J. Swams
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Baker, of Knockholt. Kent, and Katharine Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Mr G.M. Berryo

and Miss S.B. Robin The engagement is announced between Gary, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David C. Benyon, of Wormley, Surrey, and Selina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham G. Robinson, of Wokingham,

Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, this evening attended a Reception at the Honourable Artil-Mr H.D. Carmichael and Miss S.J. Froor The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and lery Company, Armoury House, London EC1. Mrs David Napier was in Mrs Roy Carmichael, of Horspath, Oxfordshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Freer, of Castleton, North THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

the Tree Council, this evening attended the President's Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club,

Commander Roger Walker RN

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the

Memorial services

A memorial service for Mr Billy Walsh was held yesterday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, Father Kit

Cunningham officiated and Mr David Healy bade welcome. Mr Andrew Walsh read the lesson. Mr Trevor Bannister read To the

Horse by Robert Duncan and Mr Brian Murray read A Turn for a Neighbour by Brendan Behan. Mr Geoffrey Godbold, Chairman of Ham Polo Club, and Mr Brian

Morrison, Chairman of the Royal Berkshire Polo Club, gave ad-

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Dominic Sasse was held yesterday at Christ Church, London, W8. The Rev Ian Robson

officiated. Mr James Sasse, brother, read the lesson, Miss

lydia Sasse, daughter, read from her father's works and Viscount Windsor from T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets. Mr William Sieghart

Miss Enid Knowles was the guest

of honour at a luncheon of The Times Pensioners held yesterday at

the United Oxford and Cambridge

University Club. Among those

present were:

Mr Michael Bally, Mr J D Bishop, Mr
Paurick Arogan, Mr George Clark, Mr W M
Clarke, Mr Richard Devy, Mr Frank
Eggleston, Mr Fred Erney, Mr Richard
Histris, Mr Louis Harret, Mr 2 C Glooman,
Mr Watter James, Mr Roy Lawis, Mr
Iverach McDonald, Mr Leon Pilpes, Mr J D
Rabershaw, Mr Sanley Robinson, Mr
Pater Ryde, Mr Henry Stanhopa, Miss
Philippa Toomey, Mr Collin Watson, Mr
Collin Wabb, Mr Richard Wigg, Mr
Geoffrey Woolley and Mr Alan Wood.

DEATHS

Mr Dominic Sasse

gave an address.

Luncheon

Drésent were

Mr Billy Walsh

Piccadilly, London W1.

was in attendance.

December 1: Princes Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogivy this evening attended the opening of the Samsung Gallery of Korean Art at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Mr A.W.D. McLoss and Miss K.J. Colwell
The engagement is announced
between Alan, elder son of the late
Mr David McLean and of Mrs David McLean, of Littlewood The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance. Park, Aberdeenshire, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Colwell, of

Birthdays today

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, 36; Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 79; Sir Frederic Bennett, former MP, 74; the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 61; Mrs Beryl Chitty, diplomat, 75; Professor Sir Alan Cook, master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 70; Sir Frank Cooper, civil servant and company chair-man, 70; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 83; Mr Ian Finlay, former director, Royal Scottish Museum, 86; Mr David Green, director, VSO, 44; Mr Michael Green, chairman and chief executive Cariton Communications, 45; General Alexander Haig, former American Secretary of State, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, 59; Miss Patricia Hewin, deputy director, Institute for Public Policy Research, 44; Mr Anthony Huxley, author, 72; Dr Gwyn Jones, chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 44; Sir George Labouchere, diplomat, 87; Dr Brian Lang, chief executive, British Library, 47; Mr Roy Moss, chairman and chief executive Allied Brewerles, 63; Dame Winlfred Prentice, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 82; Miss Monica Seles, tennis player, 19: Viscount Wimborne, 53.

Appointments

Mr Alistair McCallum and District Judge David Ges to be Circuit Judges, Mr McCallum on the North Eastern circuit. District Judge Gee on the Northern.

The engagement is announced between John, son of the Rev D.W. and Mrs Dooman, of Eltham. London, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Gorham, of Welwyn Hertfordshire Garden

Signor R. Francica and Miss C.J. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Rodolfo, younger son of
the lare Signor Enzo Francica and

of Signora Anna Francica of Signora Anna Francica, of Siracusa, Sicily, and Carolyn Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs D.W. Davies, of High Wycombe. Mr D.W. George

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs William George, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and Stacey, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel, retd, and Mrs John Widdowson, of Reading. Mr J.R.H. Mark

and Miss G.S.A. Roberts The engagement is announced between Rory, son of Mr and Mrs John Maw, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, and Genevieve, younger daughter of Dr Graeme Roberts, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Jan Roberts, of Chelsea, London.

Flying high: Helen

Sharman, the British as-

tronaut, after being made

an OBE by the Queen at Buckingham Palace yes-terday. Miss Sharman, 29,

who flew to the Soviet space station Mia last year, said: "Because of

doing the things I have done. I've had to put

myself in the public eye so

now I can relax a little on

occasions like this and enjoy them." She now works on television and in

schools encouraging child-

ren to pursue careers in

science and engineering.

Mr W.D. Peel Yates and Miss F.M. Hutchinson The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Peel Yates, of

Aberford, Yorkshire, and Frances

daughter of Mr Francis Hutchin-son and Mts David Farmer, both

Mr S.L. Pethanick and Miss C.C. Pyke The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr Owen Petherick and Mrs Patricia Holmes, of Exemer, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Pyke, of Milion Malsor,

Mr PJ. Preston Morkey

The engagement is announced from Paris between Peter, eldes son of Mr RJ.P. Morley and the late Mrs B.G. Morley, of Buckingham, and Dawn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Gunnell, of

Mr N.R.W. Wright and Miss L.C. Benson

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wright, of Great Wilbraham, Cambridgeshire, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Benson, of

School news

The Governing Body is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Peter Hobson, the present Headmaster of Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire, as Headmaster of Charterhouse in succession to Mr Peter Amenborough with effect from September 1, 1993.

Easthourne College

The Council of Eastbourne College has pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr C.M.P. Bush, MA(Oxon), as the Headmaster with effect from September 1, 1993, in succession to Mr CJ. Saunders, MA. Mr Bush, age 40 years, is currently a houseman Mariborough College.

Strathallan School

The Governors of Strathallen School, Perthshire, announce the appointment of Mr Angus W. McPhail as Headmaster from September 1993. Mr McPhail is currently Head of Economics and Housemaster of Evans House, Sedbergh School, Cumbria, and will succeed Mr David Pighills, who is retiring after eighteen years as Headmaster of Strathallan.

Renée Tickell

A Memorial Service for Renée Oriana Tickell will take place at Farm Street Church (Farm Street entrance). London, W1, st 10.00am on Tuesday, December

Dinners

Joiners' and Ceilers' Compa The Princess Royal, Master of the Loriners' Company, attended a livery dinner of the Joiners' and Ceiters' Company held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Mr John W. Farrar, Master, presided and the other speakers were Sir Colin Cole. Mr. Henry Howard and Mr. John Ellion. The Mosters of the Bester. Mr Henry Howard and Mr John
Ellion. The Masters of the Pewterers'. Carpenters', Masons'.
Turners'. Chartered Surveyors'
and Framework Knitters' Companies were also present.

Weavers' Company The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended a livery dinner of the Weavers Company held last night weavers Company hear last night at Vintners' Hall and were received by Sir Brooke Fairbairn, Upper Bailiff, The Lord Mayor, the Upper Bailiff, the Upper Warden and the Lord Chancellor were the

speakers. Among those present Spicascia Survey Spicascia of City Livery Companies, the Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers of Gissow, the Master of the Incorporation of Weavers, Fullers and Shitzmen of Steeter and the Manter of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Spisol.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society Mr David Coleman, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Larobeth High Street. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, also spoke. Among those WELL WELL

Mr Tony Newton, MP, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Sir Geoffrey de Deney, Sir John

Defence and Security Form Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of Defence and Security Forum (incorporating Families for Defence Parrons Club), presided at Defence Patrons Clubt, presided at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. The guest speaker was the Hon Mark Len-nox-Boyd, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Farmers Club Mr Richard Voelcker presided at a dinner held last night at Grosve-nor House to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Farmers Club. Lord Deedes and Sir Nicholas Fairbairn. QC, MP,

Service dinner Royal Military College Air

Squadron Leader C.A. Joosse pre sided at the annual dinner of the Royal Military College Air Squadron held last night at RMCS Shrivenham. Air Vice-Marshal P.D. Clark, Air Officer, Engineering and Supply Headquarters Strike Command, was the guest of honour. Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, Air Commodore M.D. Smart and Professor A. Brown were among the guests.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Royal Smithfield Show at Earls Court at

The Duke of Edinburgh, as pa-tron, will attend a dinner given by the London Federation of Boys' Clubs at the Lanesborough hotel at 7.30. The Prince of Wales, as President

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend the Changing Inside conference at Pentonville prison at 10.20; as President of Business in the Community, will visit Community Links, 105 Barking Road, E16, at noom: a President of The Prince' Youth Business Trust, will attend a trade event with PYBT business and their advisers at Queen Mary and Westfield College at 1.40; and will meet staff, students and graduates of the Urban Learning Foundation and staff and graduates of the Windsor Fellowship at 56 East India Dock Road, E14, at 56 East India Dock Road, E14, at 2.35. He will attend a concert to mark Courts and Company's tercentenary in the Garden Court at

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will attend a recep-tion at the House of Lords at

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, will attend the Triangular Inter-national Badminton match, Wales/Scotland/Ireland, at the Afan Lido Sports Centre, Port

Talbot, at 10.55; as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award the Open Awards Centre, Swanser City Football Club, at 2.05; and Olchfa School, Gowler Road, Sketty, at 2.55. As Trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a presentation and dinner for the Young Presidents Organisation at St James's Palace at 7.20. The Princess Royal, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a National Olympic Committee meeting at Queens Club, W14, at 11.00; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 4.10: and, as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the St John Sparkling Starlight ball and dinner at the Dorchester hotel at 7.45. The Duke of Kent, as President of the Business and Technology Education Council, will attend the medal award ceremony at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 2.00; and will attend a Classic FM concert, sponsored by Baring Brothers, at Spencer House at 7.15 in aid of the Thomas Coram

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of The Samaritans, will attend a Faberge exhibition at Wartski at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will attend the 40th annual ball of the British-American-Canadian Associates at Grosvenor House at \$.00.

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DEATHS Haffner) and Trever, a daughter. RAILEY - Cn November 27th at The Pertiand Hospital, b Ruth Cofe Least) and Jerency, a daughter. Elsen, a stater for Jennifur and Charles. GOAR - On November 29th, b Janel (nice Carleton) and David, a son, Tohy Andrew Philip, a brother for Hamish. Carleton and David, a son, Tohy Andrew Philip, a brother for Hamish. Berlin, to Louise (nice Morris) and Ralph, a daughter. HEATH - To Peter and Diama (nice Jones) on November 23rd 1992, a son, Thomas Henry Glarry). HOLMES - Cn November 27th 1992, a the Rose Maternity Hospital, to Juliet thee Goff) and Seice. a daughter, Anna Katharine. KING - On November 27th at the Humman Hospital Wellington, to Douglas and Deborah. B Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 25th Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 27th at the Humman Hospital Wellington. To Douglas and Deborah. B Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 27th at the Humman Hospital Wellington. To Douglas and Deborah. B Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 27th at the Humman Hospital Wellington. To Douglas and Deborah. B Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 27th at the Humman Hospital Wellington. To Douglas and Deborah. B Caudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 27th at an Allendary (November 25th). To Susan and Richard. COMEREVE - On November 30th 1992, peacefully at home in his 90th year. Major Arithur Christopher John Congreve. The Rifle Brigade retired. Interment of ashes at Newtown Church. Newtours, on December 12th at 2 o'clock. No flowers theses. Detoran. a daughter. Claudia Catherine Anne. LEEMING - On November 26th. to Susan and Richard, a soo. Jack Francis. MIRO-FORTHER - On November 28th at The Portical Hospital, to Marisol and Michael, a son. Guillaume, a brother for Sophie. THOMPSON - On November 22nd, to Diana (née O'Donnell) and Vincent, a daughter, Xanthe Margaret Glamville. THORNE - On Sunday 29th November, to Paula and Ian, a daughter. VAN DER GUCHT - On November 30th. In Nicky (née Tate) and Michael, a daughter, Victoria Anthen, a sister for Charite, Sarah and Ben. Wiember - On November 30th, in November 30th, i

CROUZET - On November 30th 1992, at home aged 87 years, Jane Eleanor, wife of the late Jocebin Crozzet. Cremation at Milton Malsor on December 4th at 11 am. No flowers, but donations to The Injured Jockeys' Fund. c/o T. Bodilly & Sons Funeral Directors. Everdon, Daventry, tat: 032-736-619.

DDXON - On November 29th 1992, peacefully at her borne in Colyton, Devon, Margaret Gulland, Funeral Service at the Excler and Devon Crematorium on Friday December 4th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please. Enquiries Richards, telephone: Colyton (0297) 582353.

Kent. to Judy (née Cox) and lan. a daughter. Lucy Ann. a sister for Victoria Jane.

WILSON - On November 25th at the Humana Hospital Weilington. to David and Jennifer, a son. John Joesth.

YASUKAWA - On November 25th tofe Parry) and Taisuya (Tachu). a daughter. Luciss Sava. a sister for Otivia Hana and Claudia Mia.

RUBY

ANNIVERSARIES

EVANS - Frederick Redvers.

O.R.E. on November 30th, peacefully at his home in Leeds. in his 93rd year. Beloved humband of the late Reduction of Parry and Taisuya (Tachu). a daughter. Luciss Sava. a sister for Otivia Hana and Claudia Mia.

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ANNIVERSARIES

WALKER-DAVIS On December 2nd 1962, at St John's Church, Calcutta, George Eric Denham to Helen Mary Pickering. FINDLAY - Paul Archibeld.
On November 30th after a long lineis at Queen Mary's Hospital. Hampstead. Much loved husband of Leonie, father of Roper. Mark and Andres. Funeral at Highgate Cametay. Wednesday December 9th at 11 am.

BATHE - On 30th November, peacefully at Easthourne District General Hospital, sped 82. Marion. Dearly beloved wife of the late Robert Bathe and much loved mother of Russell and grandmother of Russell and Alastair. Service at St. Andrews URC. Black-water Road. Easthourne, on 7th December at 11.30 am followed by private cramation at Easthourne. Family flowers only but donations to the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o Habres & Sons. 19 South Street. Eastbourne. East Sussez. HILTORI - On November 25th, Humphrey Saunders, aged 70, suddenly but peacefully at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Oxford. Much loved husband, Ether and grandfather. Crematorium on Monday December 7th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to Oxfam.

DEATRS HUTCHMISON

November 28th, Margaret

Owen, aged 86, peacefully at
Whitington Hospital, after
17 years of control without
her Ray (RCH). Mother of
Ann. Jareny, Ekspeth and
Plenti grandmother of
Gregory, Psoil, Rechel, Oriel,
Mory Clare, Scarlet,
Jonathan, Sheldon, Sarah,
Natasha, Lee and Sorays;
and great-grandmother of
Helen, Isobel, Flona and
Catherine, The funeral
service will be held at
Christchurch (187 Highbury
Grove, London NS), on
Thursday December 3rd at
12.15 pm and the burial at 8t
Katherine's, Merytham, on BERGH - On November 29th, at home, Diana June, dan wife of Dr. Rusmond Brrch, much loved and loving mother of Susan and Dians. Cremation private. Service of Remembrance at Bredgar Church on Monday December 7th at 2.50 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to Bredgar Church or the R.S.P.C.A. BURTON - On November 28th 1992. Iragically. Karen Burton. beloved write of John: devoted mother of John: devoted mother of James and Charles, and dear friend to so many. "Age camed writer her nor custom stale her infinite variety". Funeral on Wednesday December 9th at 2.30 pm at St Mark's Church. Bromley.

12.15 pm and one oursal at set Extherine's, Mersham, sea Friday December 4th at 12.15 pm, Donations if Wished to Index on Censor's stup G32 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 498).

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SISSAACSON - Für umseren Heben Freund Bob. Ihr sticklichen Augen. was je fincischen Augen. was je fin gesehn, es sel wie es wolle, es war doch so schönl Umsere gemeinsame Zeit war se bett, ist wirklich hot. Tot ist nur, wer vergesen ist. Deine Freunde Amel. Susame, Norma und Hanne werden inner an Dich demban!

JARRETT - On Friday 27th November, peacefully of Princes Alexandra Houstal.

JARRETT - On Friday 27th November, peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hospital. Roughton, Lieutenant Coionel Charies James Bede (Jimmy) MC DFC, RA retired, dear friend and husband of 12z and loving father of Matthew, Caroline and Steven. Service of Transisgiving at St Mary's Church, Doosd Abbey, Woolhampton, at 2.30 pm on Friday 4th December, Enquiries to Franklin & Son. (0672) 20241.

JOHNSTON - On November 29th, Patrick James, peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Madeleine and father of James and Candia and loving grandfather of Justina. Sophia, Joanna and Alexa.

KRETSCHMER -KRETSCHMER On December 1st, peacefully at home, Jo, beloved husband of Noel. Father and grandfather. Cremation private. Retnembrance service to be amounced later. Donations if desired to Macmillan Unit. Odstock, Salisbury.

Salabusy.

Lindley - On November 26th, peacefully in bospital, after a short simess, Joan, the beloved wife of Michael and mother of John and Charlotte. Family, cremation, Wednesday December 2nd, Service of Thanksgiving, St. Marr's Church, Sufhansstead Abbotts, 2.15 pm. Salurday December 5th. No flowers please. Donations instead by request of Joan to The Sue Ryder Home. Cavendish, Suffolk. Whosperver liveth and believeth in me shall pover the.

DEATRS

MAGES - Dr. Romie of Pendower House, Hillcommon, Taunton, passed peacefully rway at home on 30th November, aged 71 years. Dearty loved incident of Give and father of Akcia, ism and Simon. Puneral Service takes piace at Heaftheled Church, near Taunton, on Friday 4th December at 2 pm for family and close friends. A memorial service will be held in Sussex in the New Year. Donations to LIBRA Self-help Trust or Marte Curie Cancer Care c/o Thomas Brothers, Fight Street, Wallington, Somethal.

Street, Wellington, Somerast.

MelLROY - On Sunday
November 29th, unddenly,
Dan (Jock), husband of
Kathleen, father of Selly,
Kate and Stewart, friend of
John, Alan and Arms.
Cremelion private. Service of
Thunksgiving at Rotherwick
Church at 2.30 pm on Friday
December 4th, Please no
flowers. Dan wished
donations to be contributed
to the R.N.L.I.

MICHELL - Arman frame (mis-

WORTON-SALE - On 28th November peacefully after a short filmess, isobel of Hatheristy. Moretonhimpstead, Devon, aged 88 years, wife of the late John Mortunslee, dearly loved mother of Roysla Romanelli, grand-nother of Folco and Lovenzo and great-grandmother of Raffaelio. Rubina and Vincenzo, Fumeral Service on Friday 11th December at 2.30 pm at Holy Family R.C. Church, Chapford, Devon.

Church. Chagford. Devois.

MILLES - On December 1st
1992. Rush, peacefully, wife
of Dr. Roger Mules and
mother of David, John and
Jame. Funeral Service at St
Michael's Church.
Teigamouth, on Friday
December 4th at 11.30 am,
followed by private
cremation at Exeter. Family
flowers only. but domations if
deelred to Multiple Sciences
Research c/o Heartis &
Loveridge Funeral Services,
Willow Street, Teigamouth,
Devon.

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PROUTEN - On 30th November 1992 in bospital. Leonard William, beloved tustand of Jan for 53 years. Father of Michele and Crispin, grandfather of Justin, Miranda and Angabet, great-grandfather of Justin, Miranda and Angabet, great-grandfather of Issae (born 30th November 1992) and father-in-law of Terry. Leonard, after three years of continuous strongle against catter, found peace in the Cathodic faith on 11th November 1992. He was with Stephenson Harwood from 1938 until be died and was Senior Partner from 1973 to 1982. Our great itisutes to his personal consultant and his constant hearn of compessionate nurses at Cromwell Hospital for the whole duration of his filhess. Requiem Mass will be held at the Carmettia Church Street. Kansington. on Thesday Eth December 1992 at 11 am, followed by a private cremation. Partily Rowers only, but in lieu, gifts to the MacMillian Nurses would be very lind, and any hogaries to J.H. Kentyon. 49 Martner Road. W8. iei: (071) 957-0757.

ROBERTS - Sarah on Sunday 25th November, sped 92; widow of William Roberts R.A. beloviel mother of John. Puneral at Odders Green Crematorium, 12.48 pm. Monday 7th December. MUDORFF - On November.
25th in Caire, Raymonic Rudorff, Writer, Historian and Traveller, while researching his laiset book.
Wheelchair Guide to Egypt', Demby loved and missed by Patricia and bis friends all over the world. Storied in Cairo.

Cairo.

Santh - On November 28th, in her Sard year, Yvonne, widow of Kemeris and much loved mother of Susan. Caroline and william and grandmother. Fumeral al Christ Church, Beckenham, on Tuesday December 8th at 2,45 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Alzheimer's Disease Society, for research.

THORESON - F. Sinciair, aged
49 years of Weston
Underwood, Derbyshire,
died penerfully at the A.M.I.
Park
Nottinghamshire, on Friday
November 27th 1992
Husband of Almie and faither
of Alex and Allights Friends November 27th 1992.
Hushand of Atmie and father of Alex and Allstak: Funeral Monday December 7th. service in Mugginton Church, Derhyshire at 12.45pm followed by private cremation at Markaston Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations for The Head and Neck Oncology Fund may be forwarded to W. James & Son Funeral Directors. Brailsford, Derby, DE6 SDA.

THORNTON - On November 30th 1992. Phills Tilney, aged 82. Details on (081) 563-0257. Funeral at Colders Green Crematorium, West Chapel. 3 pm Thursday December 3rd. No flowers please. Donations to St. Agnes Senevolent Fund c/o fung Edward VII Hospital, Beaumont St.. London W1.

Beaumont St. London W1.

WALKER - On November29th 1992, Bruce, of
Cakhann, peacefully at home,
aged 85 years. Funeral
Service will take place on
Monday December 7th at Ali
Saints Church, Braunston at
10 am. followed by
cremation. Family flowers
only place but donations if
desired to LO.R.O.S.
through Fords of Osicham. B
Church Street. Osicham.

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WARD - On December 1st. Michael John. of The Bothy. Marwick. deeply loved husband of Avril. Bether of Samanthe and stopfaller of Peter and Suzie. The creamino service will be for family only. but a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday December 13th 1992. Details to be arranged. Donations to The Myton Hamilet Hospica Trust. Myton Lame. Myton Road. Warwick. in lieu of flowers would be greatly appreciated.

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LEONARD COTTON

Leonard Cotton, former Dean of King's College School of Medicine and Senior Surgeon to King's College Hospital, died on November 9 aged 69. He was born on December 5, 1922.

LEONARD Cotton's research interests centred around the blood circulation of the leg. His paper on the anatomy and development of varicose veins (British Journal of Surgery. 1961) is still regarded as a seminal work in the understanding of venous pathology: over the years he was involved in over 100 research papers on venous and arterial disease.

His Short Textbook of Surgery, originally co-authored with his coleagues Selwyn Taylor and Greig Murray, is still in print today. His portfolio of books reflected his dedication to education and included both a surgical catechism for his students and a book for young children explaining the mysteries of

As an energetic young clinician Cotton knew that the development of surgery could benefit from the close



interaction of other disciplines. In 1967, with the support of the Wates Foundation, he established at King's a Biomechanics Research Unit which brought engineers and surgeons together, a rare, if not unique, and

far-sighted development which he directed until his retirement. During the next two decades a stream of young surgeons, engineers and scientists flowed through the department which, under his guidance, laid much of the scientific foundations for the management of vascular disease and rapidly established an international reputation. It was of particular satisfaction to Cotton that the development was recognised when, in 1972, he was made a Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Cotton was educated at King's College School, Wimbledon, Oriel College, Oxford, and King's College Hospital Medical School, qualifying in 1946. He spent his National Service as a surgical specialist with the RAMC. Elected FRCS in 1950, he returned to King's College Hospital in 1951. These were formative years during which he was surrounded by and worked with some great surgical characters, Sir Cecil Wakeley. Sir Edward Muir. Harold Edwards and Selwyn Taylor among them. During what little spare time he had left from a busy surgical job he started researching, mostly late into the night, into the circulatory changes in ulcerated legs, work for which he gained his Master of grous Sir Charlton Briscoe Research Prize.

In 1957 he was appointed a consultant surgeon to King's College Hospital and surgical tutor to King's College Hospital Medical School. At this time he developed his enduring research interest in the blood circulation of the leg. He also came into contact with medical physicists for the first time. An extremely productive partnership was formed with a young medical physicist Dr (now Professor) Jack Fowler. Their early investigations into the circulatory dynamics of varicose veins laid the foundation for a life long interest in circulatory haemodynamics.

Conon played an ever-increasing role in the future of King's College Hospital Medical School, first as vice-dean and then dean, a post which he held for ten years until his retirement in 1987. Those years were

while other medical schools College in an immeasurably strengthened position for its future

He was made a fellow of King's College in 1983.

who got to know him better recoghis tremendous interest in individuals. In his private life he believed firmly in the integrity of the family, his garden, the theatre and

He is survived by his wife, Joan, a

probably the most taxing for any dean. The Todd and Flowers reports presaged enormous change, but facing retrenchment, Cotton skilfully piloted the hospital medical school back to amalgamation with King's College and to a rapid expansion of its research and teaching base. This drive was founded on his deep-seated belief in the benefits of working with the basic sciences and placed the Medical School as part of King's

development.

Cotton could present an outwardly rugged and formidable exterior which hid a very gentle and shy person. He had a ready wit and those the arts.

son and two daughters.

APPRECIATIONS

Sir Hugh Wontner

THERE will be many tributes to the gentle urbanity of Sir Hugh Wontner (obituary. November 17), however this modest story may provide amusement. Sir Hugh and Lady Wontner called upon my late uncle. Denham Bayly-Jones, a country parson who was to conduct the funeral of Dame Bridget D'Oyley Carte. to discuss arrangements.

My aunt was horrified when Denham produced a bottle of one of his legendary, though to a connoisseur's taste somewhat rough, home-made wines, with an odd assortment of wine glasses. Matters were concluded successfully with the aid of this refreshment. On taking leave, the window of Sir



Hugh's Rolls-Royce slid down. "By the way", said Sir Hugh, "You must give me the recipe!"

Jonathan Orr Ewing

Clifford Barclay

YOUR obituary of Clifford Barday (November 25), an astute adviser on football's frantic financial escapades in the Sixties, Seventies and Eighties, is incorrect in stating that he was chairman of the Football Grounds Improvement Trust for ten years from 1975.

Although a founder member of the Trust, which had

devoted many millions of pounds from the pools companies' Spotting-the-Ball competition towards the improvement of facilities in the game, it was only in 1979 that he succeeded the equally forthright Sir Norman Chester as chairman.

> Graham Kelly, Chief Executive, The Football Association

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Sir Norman Jeffcoat

THE signatories in my Liverpool Students Song Book of the Twenties who are still living grow naturally fewer each year. Norman Jeffcoate (obituary, October 19) was sadly one of the last survivors of a galaxy of professors. architects and bishops in the making, with an eminent ambassador and Egyptologist thrown in for good measure. Speaking of Jeffcoate who was

his no-nonsense approach seen at its most robust on the rugby field - put him in complete charge of any student gathering. The friendliness and consideration of which you speak were certainly manifest in his student days.

Jos Dawson

Carl Heinz Goldman

CARL Heinz Goldman (obituary, November 16) was of the last of a fast-diminishing breed: that of the family physician. The son of one of the great doctors of Leinzig, he combined a deep knowledge of medicine with that compassion and extraordinary intu-

ition which led him to become the trustworthy friend of that broad spectrum of devoted and grateful patients he served. His death leaves a great void in the lives of so many, but for none more so than for his devoted Yehudi and Digna Menuhin.

Sir Yehudi Menuhin

BARONESS AIREY OF ABINGDON

Baroness Airey of Abingdon, wartime intelligence officer, Conservative Party worker and widow of the sassinated Airey Neave died on November 27 aged 73. She was born on July 7, 1919.

AIREY Neave, a key player in Margaret Thatcher's campaign to become leader of the Conservative Party, was murdered on the eve of her first general election victory in 1979 and his widow, Dlana, was created a life baroness soon afterwards on the recommendation of the new prime minister. But Lady Airey was a notable figure in her own right and made a considerable contribution to public life in the years following her husband's

In this she resembled Lady Ewart-Biggs, whose husband was also assassinated by Irish terrorists. Both decided to work on issues associated with their husbands and they came together as trustees of the Women Caring Trust, established to help the children of Northern Ireland, Both have

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Diana Airey was the daughter of Thomas Giffard, a Staffordshire squire descended from one of William the Conqueror's. She was educated privately in England and abroad and at the beginning of the war she served with the RAF nursing service. She soon transferred to the Political Warfare Executive however. of which Airey Neave also

became a member. He had already had an adventurous war, being wounded and taken prisoner in 1940. He escaped from Colditz and made his way home by way of Switzerland and Gibraltar. Airey Neave and Diana

Giffard were married soon after his return to Britain. He was then chosen to command the operations to rescue other escapers and evadees, particularly allied airmen, from behind enemy lines, a task for which his experiences naturally made him well qualified His wife was also working in secret intelligence at the time and such were the rules of wartime security that neither disclosed to the other what they were doing until they encountered each other in the corridor of the same secret

department. After the war Neave decided that though he had been called to the Bar his future lay in politics. In 1953 he defeated the late Ted Castle, husband of Baroness Castle to win a by-election in Abingdon. Diana Neave coped with

her husband's death with exceptional courage. She had been a model constituency wife, involving herself in many aspects of life in Abingdon while deliberately subordinating herself to her husband's career. She was rushed to Westminster hospital after his car was blown up as he left the Palace of Westminster and was there when

With Abingdon a comfortably safe seat she had been helping at Conservative Cen-tral Office during the election campaign, fairly confident of victory and knowing that if there was a Thatcher victory her husband, as possibly the closest confidente of the new prime minister, would be in

the next Cabinet. Although she was inwardly broken by her husband's murder she arrived at central office within a few days to continue her tasks there in order to do everything she could to ensure that her husband's cause would win.

She was determined to continue his work in every way she could. She symbolically incorporated her husband's first name and his constituency in her title. Issues in which he had been interested became her issues. She was a trustee of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the Domeywood Trust and the Stansted Park Foundation and became president of the Anglo-Polish Conservative Society. From 1983 to 1984 she was a member of the North Atlantic Assembly. and also served on the Select Committee of the European Communities. Perhaps the organisation dearest to her heart, in view of the wartime experiences of her husband and herself, was the Imperial War Museum, where she was a trustee.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter.



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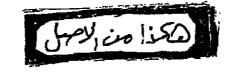
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Among distinctions attributable to the first Among assumations untroducine to the Just Lord Desborough was that of having read his own Times oblivary. A late phone call was misheard, and the day after this appeared, the paper had to publish an apology and an obituary of Lord Bessbo

of aquatics. Among other of his bodily activities must be mentioned his mountaineering he had climbed notably in the Alps and had shot in the Rockies, in India. the Aips and nad shot in the Rockies, in thota, and elsehwere: and at the age of 50 he carried off thrice in succession the Epée prize in the Military Tournament. He had been also in his time president of the Amateur Pencing Association and Epée Club: of the Four-in-Hand Driving Club and of the Coaching Club of the M.C.C., Master of the Berks and Bucks Harriers, a steward of Henley Regalta, and the president of the Olympic Games for 1908. This is a record for all round interest in athletics and field sports which must be hard In the course of his varied life he met with

in the course of his varied life he met with some strange experiences. He nearly lost his life more than once in mountaineering expeditions, and in the second Suakim campaign, when he was special correspondent of the Dally Telegraph, he and his camp were surprised by Dervishes, but in a hailstorm of bullets he escaped from his assallants by running one of the hardest races of his life in a holland suit and tennis stocs. Early in life, Mr. Grenfell, as he then was, took up, like his father and grandfather, politics as a career, and in 1880 he entered the House of Commons as Liberal member for

for a short time secretary to Sir William Harcourt. In 1892 he was elected for Hereford, but resigned, and in the Unionist Parliament of 1900-1905 he sat as Unionist member for the High Wycombe Division. His two elected represents the same of the High Wycombe Division. two elder sons, as will be fresh in the public memory. Captain Julian Grenfell, D.S.O., of the 1st Royal Dragoons, and the Hon. Gerald William Grenfell, a licutenant in the 8th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, were both killed in action in 1915.



Homeowners face tax rebuff

Thousands of householders confronted the stark reality of how much the value of their homes has fallen when town halls issued valuations for the council tax which comes into force next year.

Houses across the country have been graded into eight bands for the new tax, based on property prices last April. But since then, values have fallen by 10 per cent, and the

BBC's finance director resigns

■ Ian Phillips, the BBC's director of finance, has resigned two months after the discovery of a series of accounting errors that led television producers to overspend by at least £20 million this year. Spending on television programmes for next year has already been cut ...

Yeltsin anger

President Yeltsin of Russia accused the Congress of People's Deputies, of hindering economic reform. He called on it to surrender powers to the government or face the consequences of a hardline backlash, claiming that excommunists were forming armed groups and trying to drive the country towards civil ... Pages 1, 13

Flood alerts

New flood alerts were issued while villagers in the West Country were still deaning up after three days of rain led to floods and road and rail closures. Another inch of rain and high winds were predicted for today In the area as police and the AA warned drivers to limit themselves to essential journeys. Four inches of rain in the last four days made November the wettest. on record in the South West since 1940.....

Police race enquiry

Thirteen policemen, ranging in rank from constables to superintendent, are being investigated following allegations of racial discrimination and harassment by an Afro-Caribbean officer at Fulham, west London Page 3

Farmers' rage

With a little help from their growers, France's angry farmers staged a 50,000-strong anti-American demonstration in Strasbourg, burning effigies and

their hatred of the EC-American farm deal agreed under the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade (Gatt) _ ..Page 11 Forces pay row

A senior member of the independent Armed Forces Pay Review Body, which recommends wage increases for the three services. has resigned in protest at the government's decision to peg public sector rises. Professor John White, 68, said that the ndependence of the review body had been undermined ... Page 2

Arson charges

Two German right-wing extremists have been charged with murder in connection with the arson attack in the town of Mölln in which a woman and two children died Page 11

Computer catwalk

Eerie human-like figures that walk across a computer screen swinging their hips to a throbbing heat have been created by researchers at Nottingham Trent University as part of research aimed at producing a virtual reality catwalk...... Page 8

Records stolen

A sharp rise in the theft of computers from doctors' surgeries has led to increasing numbers of patients' medical records falling into the hands of burglars and neighbours and some Asian rice potential blackmailers. In the past six months, the number of general practitioners seeking advice from the office of the data protection registrar has risen by

Left in the shadow of the swastika

Channel Island officials who organised the evacuation of civilians during the second world war were guilty of "criminal neglect" when they failed to help those living on Alderney, according to a report released yesterday. Judge Fred French, id in a report to the Home Office on June 24, 1940, that the Guernsey authorities had ignored their plight...... Pages 1, 5



Old guard: communists shout slogans outside the Kremlin as deputies arrive for the Congress of People's Deputies. Pages 1, 13

For aute: Trafalgar House is seeking buyers for its luxury hotels, including the Ritz in London, after incurring losses of £30.3 million before tax last year to add to previous losses of £38.5 million Page 21

City regulation: Industry and professional bodies mostly welcomed a new code of practice for financial aspects of corporate governance but expressed concerns about enforcement and the calibre of non-executive directors.......Pages 21, 24

Markets: Shares edged forward to a new closing high, with the FT-SE rising 13.2 points to 2,792.0 after briefly touching 2,794.7. Sterling rose 1.13 cents to close at \$1.5265 and 0.66 pfennigs to DM2.4229 but the trade-weighted index was unchanged at 78.9....

Golf: This year's triumphant Curtis Cup team tasted victory for a second time when they received the Woman Golfer of the Year Trophy in recognition of their achievement at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, in June Page 36

Footbeil: Stan Flashman, the chairman of Barnet, sacked Barry Fry a week after the manager called on his chairman to resign "for the good of the club" Page 40

Cricket: Five speciators have won a private court case claiming refunds on their tickets for the Friday of the first Test match against Pakistan at two balls were bowled because of ... Page 40

Fashion tavourite: The short but sharp Clother Show is compulsive viewing. Now five years old, it increases its ratings and influence with every 26-week run. Joseph Connolly finds out the reasons for

Golden cereer: Most of David Hicks achievements have been copied wholesale without acknowledgment, and he seems resigned to the fact that his latest venture - a collection of 30 pieces of vibrant and refreshingly different jewellery - might well suffer the same fate. "It's always a risk - a likelihood actually." he says, "but by then I shall have moved on to something

Rosemary Lamont is

doing her bit to put

some cash back into

Conservative coffers.

home" today to raise

money for the party

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Mrs Lamont is "at

Planters' punch: When Ove Arup Associates design office buildings, "landscaping is not part of the architectural service, it is the point

from which we start"...... Page 29 Boudin on the beach: Glasgow's Burrell Collection has a loan exhibition of seaside paintings by "petit maître" Eugene Boudin (1824-.. Page 29

entertains his adoring, screaming fans with "a series of poses casually

idol on parade: Jason Donovan

Lost leader?: The choreographic legacy of Sir Frederick Ashton looks in danger of being lost to ballet audiences of future gen-Page 31

John Gummer is to

leave the Church of

decision to ordain

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said he could not a

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The day will begin dull, wet and windy, with heavy rain in

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Malcolm Rifkind, the

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warned against any

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most places and a strong to gale-force southerly wind. Northwest Scotland and the western and northern isles will be brighter but with frequent showers and possibly snow in hilly areas. Clearer

weather, with showers and snow on northern hills, will spread to

evening. Outlook unsettled with sunshine and showers.

Whither royals?: "The profession of journalism was once thought of as being both uniform and coherent. It never has been. But something new has developed over the years, carried on the back of the lamentable truth that, as standards drop, circulation figures rise," writes Michael Shea, the Queen's former press secretary...... Page 14

Best read: Magazines have a huge effect on how we live. Some surprising best-sellers.....

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After Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice. described the shortage of judges as a national disgrace". the Lord Chancellor has called for action

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Wolfgang Weber is shown drawing animals in the world's wild places. Survival (ITV. 9pm) Page 39

TAPENON TO Cosmetic block

If Mr Smith seriously wishes to send a reassuring message to the electorate, then he could do worse than to intimate that his own preferred solution is for Labour MPs elect their own leader. It would be one way of demonstrating that he, at least, is not content to have his party regarded as a wholly-owned trade union subsidiary..... Page 17

Laws of sex and pain

If the activities in the Spanner case are to be made illegal, why not spanking or whipping for sexual gratification, both of which take place by consent? If the victim continues to contend that he wanted the "assault" to take place, if there is no evidence of coercion or intention to do more harm than was consented to, the result can be no business of the law.....

Rainbow confusion

Like the election of Mary Robinson as president two years ago, these are small signs that 70 years of attrition fought on the tired battle lines of the civil war may now be drawing to a close as Ireland edges towards modern statehoodPage 17

DANIEL JOHNSON

If the Nazis had invaded Britain, a great many of us would have collaborated. Nobody should feel too smug about those who did, in the one part of the British Isles where it was put to the test. The picture which emerges from the occupation of the Channel Islands is not flattering

SIMON JENKINS

C.V. Wedgwood once wrote of the British zest to debunk politicians: "Suspicion of power and suspicion of motive are valuable if held in control but can paralyse all human action if they themselves take control." Certainly personalities and policies, have always been the warp and weft of politics...... Page 16

Readers comment on the Queen's

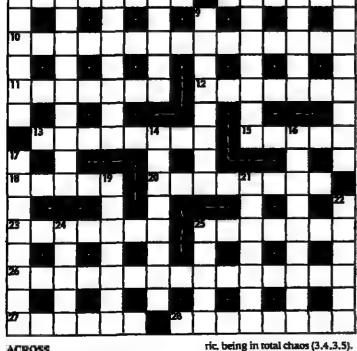
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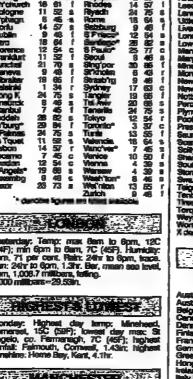
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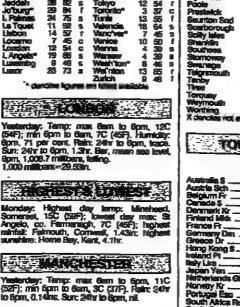
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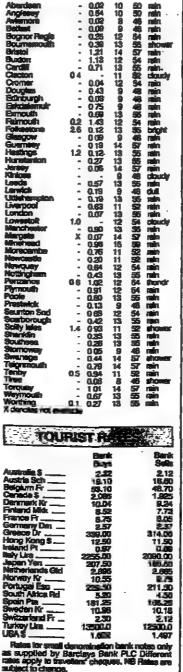


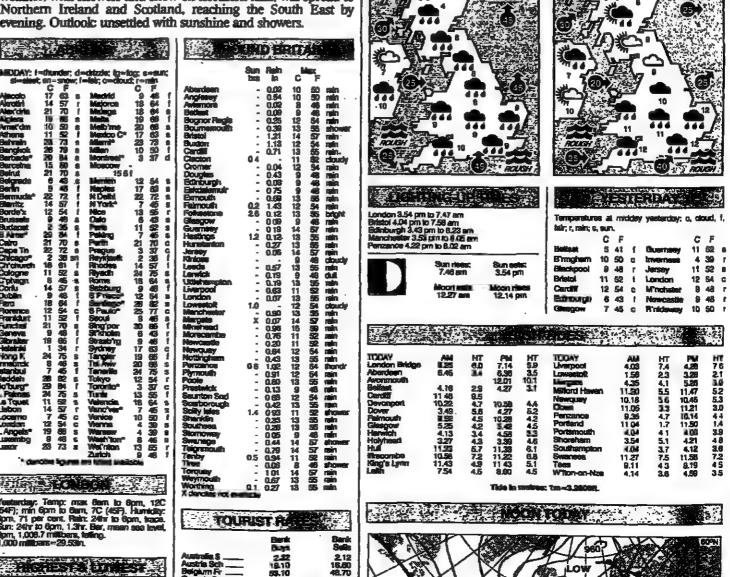
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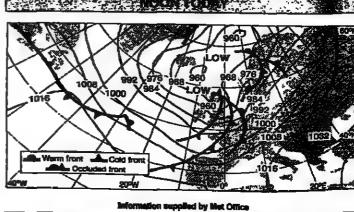












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Writedown of property values pushes losses above £30m for second year running

Trafalgar pair given £1.9m in payoffs

Despite losses of more than £30 million, Trafalgar House agreed to pay £1.9 million to its former chairman and chief executive. The group's Ritz hotel is also up for sale

TRAFALGAR House, the engineering, property and leisure conglomerate, con-firmed vesterday that it will pay £1.9 million to Sir Nigel Broackes, the former chairman, and Sir Eric Parker, the former chief executive. The payments arise from early termination of service

Sir Nigel is now honorary president and is said to receive a modest honorarium, equivalent to a non-executive director's fee. Sir Eric remains on the board as deputy chairman until he reaches the age of 60

The payments were dis-closed as Trafalgar an-nounced a loss before tax of £30.3 million for the year toend-September against a restated loss of £38.5 million for the previous year, enforced by the Financial Reporting Review Panel. This year's loss arises from a £138 million writedown of domestic and commercial property, which reduces the value of Trafalgar's property to £724.3 mil-lion. In September 1990, it

was valued at £1.03 billion. The losses take Trafalgar's net assets down to £553 million, not far above the £500 million level of net worth at which banking covenants Hong Kong Land, which gar after an October raid, and which has another 6 per cent under option, made no comment on the results yesterday. The shares fell op to 89p. against the 85p Hong Kong Land paid for its shares.

Alian Gormly, the Trafalgar House chief executive, said the writedowns were not "a kitchen sink effort" but represented "this year's realistic value" of the property. A dividend for the year of 6p a share has been set after the 1.6p final payment, promised in the defence document against the failed tender by Hong Kong for a further 15 per cent of the company. The dividend will have to be paid from reserves. In the previous year, Trafalgar House paid a total dividend of 18.4p. Mr Gormly said that Trafalgar was in talks with four parties over the sale of the Duke's and Stationa notes in London. They were in the books at £40 million or £50 million and it was hoped to achieve this on disposal. The Ritz hotel is also up for sale but Trafalgar is in no rush to push through a fire sale. He said Trafalgar was pulling out of hotels because it lacked market dominance.

Trafalgar is now seeking the direct sale of only two of its Cunard cruise liners and is seeking a joint venture partner



for the other five. The middle market cruise liners, the Cunard Countess and the Curard Countess and the Curard Princess, which was used as a rest ship for American soldiers during the Gulf

war, will be sold. Trafalgar wants to keep its five huary liners, the QE2, Sagafjord, Vistafjord, and the two Sea Goddess ships, because it believes it has dominance in the luxury market. The joint venture partners are likely to be either Japanese

or Scandinavian. The figures also bear the that Trafalgar House can carry only immediately recoverable advance corporation tax in its balance sheet. Another £40 million has been written off taking the overall loss down to £85 million and the reduction of shareholders funds to £1 i4 million after the £29 million dividend

payment.
The engineering division raised profits from £57 million

to £89.4 million, helped by the Davy acquisition. Construction fell back from £17 million limited by Trafalgar's interna-tional spread without 62 per cent of the work in the present £1.2 billion order book being outside the depressed British

Losses on property rose from £35 million to £72 million. In the writedowns the commercial property book shrank 20 per cent to £394 million and the residential book was written down by £39 million to £330 million. Shi ping and hotels fell from £37 million to £25.3 million with all the profit coming from the cruise ships and hotels just breaking even.

On prospects, Mr Gormly said: "This is an extraordinarily difficult time to forecast the future. There are not as yet convincing signs of recovery in the group's major markets."



Going for gold: Sir Eric Parker, left, and Sir Nigel Broackes are leaving early

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The London stock

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MEPC chief criticises property proposals

chairman of MEPC, Britain's second-largest property group. criticised government proposals on the property industry as he announced his intended retirement at the end of July. He will be succeeded by Viscount Blakenham, the chairman of Pearson, the publishing conglomerate.
Sir Christopher said: "A

healthy commercial property

Benson: bowing out

SIR Christopher Benson, the industry is a fundamental requirement for a healthy economy. I am concerned that this connection is not always

appreciated by government.

"A number of government proposals, when taken together, further threaten the stability of the property market at a time when the industry is exceedingly tragile and the strains caused by the recession have already created severe

He is concerned about proposed changes on contract rules to allow for tenants who have assigned leases being made liable for the assignee's bankrupty and proposals on registering contaminated

Yesterday, MEPC reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £143.3 million to £110 million for the year to the end of September. The full-year divi-

Electricity firms and Wedgwood cut jobs

By Patricia Tehan and Martin Waller

wood, the china maker, and Eastern and Norweb, the electricity companies, announced

Wedgwood is to cut 160 jobs with the closure of its Johnson Brothers' Hanley Pottery, in Stoke-on-Trent, and warned that another 250 job cuts are likely to follow.

Eastern Electricity, the biggest of the 12 regional electricity companies of England and Wales, blamed reorganisation and recession on its plan to cut 450 jobs. The company hopes to make the cuts through a voluntary retirement scheme for staff over the age of 50. John Davaney, managing director, said: "If Eastern Electricity is to continue to provide its customers with electricity at competitive prices we have to run an efficient business that keeps its costs under control."

Norweb, the northwestern

ANOTHER 760 jobs were distributor, has warned unions that its electrical contracting subsidiary could close tracting subsidiary could close at the cost of 650 jobs if agreement on cost and job cuts is not reached soon.

The business lost £900,000 in the last half year. Ken Harvey, the chairman, says the cost of employing an electrician within Norweb is 30 to 40 per cent higher than at its competitors. He wants to cut 150 jobs immediately while reducing benefits built up when the company was owned by the government.

Wedgwood's Hanley Pot-tery employs 300 workers, aithough 140 are expected to be redeployed within the group. The further joh losses could affect staff at all levels, including sales and marketing teams employed overseas.

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Reliance on compliance cheers City

By Angela Mackay

INDUSTRY and professional bodies have mostly welcomed the Code of Best Practice that was unveiled yesterday by the Cadbury committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance. En-forcement of the code and finding nonexecutive directors of a sufficient calibre. however, were two areas of concern.

From June 30 next year, all listed companies are required to state in their report and accounts whether they comply with the code and identify and give reasons for any areas of non-compliance. The London Stock Exchange will amend its Yellow Book of rules to make a statement of compliance mandatory, but will not act as the code's policeman. The

Confederation of British Industry said it preferred a code that could be reviewed and updated rather than an inflexible wholesale intrusion by law. Like the Cadbury committee, chaired by Sir Adrian Cadbury, the CBI puts the omus on institutional shareholders to ensure that the code is being taken seriously. But institutional shareholders took

one step back from this view. Mike Sandland, chairman of the institutional shareholders committee and also a member of the Cadbury team, said that while he hoped institutional shareholders will play a more active role, he believed most responsibility for compliance rested with non-executive directors.

Cadbury recommended that there be

at least three non-executives on the

boards of all hig to medium-sized companies and that these directors should be free from any business or other relationship that could jeopardise their

Finding the right non-executive is therefore imperative, but a KPMG Peat Marwick survey of 500 top companies appears to show a shortage of non-executive applicants. Hanson Green, the executive search agency, said the "Old Boy network is fit and well and living Britain...very few companies would risk appointing full-time top Cacutives via the Old Boy network so why should they be prepared to do so with the equally important non-executive directors."

Testing City's mood, page 25

COUNTYLINK

Allied-Lyons shows survival skills

its 1992 interim figures yester-day as though it had just come through an assault course -

but with its chin still up. Frustration, disruption and uncertainty had lain in its path, as had recession and adverse exchange rate movements. To land up then with trading profit from continuing operations 1.1 per cent lower at £372 million for the six months ended September 19, and with a pre-tax profit (excluding property) 2.2 per cent up at £274 million, does demonstrate the group's abili-

ty to survive tough times. Net debt was cut by 7 percentage points over a 12month period, and interest cover has improved from 3.6 to 3.9 times. The £5 million currency negative taken in the first half should be recouped in the second.

The weak areas were food manufacturing, brewing and wholesaling. Retailing interests were steady, while the dominant spirits and wine division staged a 1.7 per cent trading advance to £175 million. In an early pre-budget lobbying call. Allied-Lyons, which is chaired by Michael

Jackaman, is urging the Chancellor to be considerate to the liquor industry and spare the tax increasing rod.

An interim dividend that

rises faster than inflation at 4.5 per cent to 6.95p a share will keep investors happy, and pre-tax profits (ex property) this financial year should rise to £625 million (£589 million). At 642p on 15.1 times prospective earnings, shares should be held.

MEPC

BRITAIN'S second largest property company, MEPC, has maintained a dividend at 20p a share which it says is covered by earnings of 24.2p a share or profit attributable to shareholders of £78.2

What the MEPC profit and loss account does not tell shareholders is that interest of £31 million was capitalised during the year. The dividend cost £64.7 million. Unlet property is now down to 8 per cent of rental income against 19 per cent last year.

Net debt has been reduced by £142 million to about £1,230 million, but sharehold-



Looking ahead: Tony Hales, left, chief executive of Allied-Lyons, with Michael Jackaman, the chairman, and Peter Macfarlane, financial director, yesterday

ers' funds have fallen by 23 per cent to £1.5 billion, taking gearing up to 82 per cent.

Net assets have fallen from 608p to 465p a share. Cash flow before financing was positive to the tune of £153 million against a £277 million negative. Overall. £67.3 mil-lion of cash flowed out, even after almost £200 million of disposals, against £134 million in the previous year.

MEPC says it does not expect 1993 to be easy and that it cannot say when property will begin to improve. Based on rental incomes and without taking account of trading profit, the City expects pre-tax profits in the current year of £98 million, earnings of 21.4p and net

assets of just over £4 a share. Some say the dividend will be held, others say it might have to be cut. At 335p. down 4p yesterday, MEPC stands on a yield of almost 8 per cent if the dividend is held. A weak hold, the shares have nowhere to go, especially if the divi-dend is cut.

Norweb

NORWEB has kicked off the interim season for the electricity distributors with a valuable reminder of what profitable and cash-genera-

tive businesses they are.
Profits in the less important remain a core component of any portfolio, not least Norweb which yields 5.9 per first half from the core distribution business, after allowcent prospective against a ing for the usual adjustments sector average of 6.

on last year and one-off provisions, were up 6 per cent in real terms, aided by continuing cost cutting. Retailing and electrical contracting are side issues in the face of this and the prospect of a third profitable year from the sup-ply side. Norweb can expect to see debts disappear in a year's

Thereafter, the money can only roll in, unless and until the industry regulator requires prices to fall behind

Axia's industrial division, based in Milton Keynes. Vent-Axla, which also has Electricity shares have been unsettled of late, but they operations in Germany, Ireland and America, employs 540 people. Smiths expects existing management to remain with the business.

APV sells

Vent-Axia

to Smiths

Industries

By MARTIN BARROW

APV, the manufacturer of

food processing equipment, has sold Vent-Axia Group, a

ventilation and warm-air

hand-dryer business, to

Smiths Industries for £55.8

APV said proceeds will be

used to reduce debt and help

finance restructuring promised by Clive Strowger after his appointment as chief executive

in June Mr Strowger said:
"Vent-Axia is not part of APV's

principal business and its dis-

posal will provide the flexibili-

ty to address further structural

APV also announced yester-

day that it had completed the

refinancing of a \$250 million

multi-option facility due to expire in May 1993. The refinancing provides APV with debt finance with a range

of maturities between three

years and ten years strength-

Vent-Axia develops and as-

sembles fans and associated

ventilation products, princi-

pally for the domestic, com-mercial and light industrial

markets in Britain. It also

makes warm-air hand-dryers

and, under the Airstream

brand name, rents and sells

them and related washroom

products. In 1991, the busi-

nesses earned pre-tax profits of

£5 million. Net assets at the

year-end were £16.5 million.

APV is retaining Vent-

ening its balance sheet.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Allied Colloids moves ahead in hard trading

ALLIED Colloids, the Bradford speciality chemicals company, made pre-tax profits of £22.5 million (£21 million) in the six months to October 3. Sales rose from £125 million to £136 million with UK turnover at £22.4 million (£19.2) million). Earnings per share were 5.47p (5.17p). The interim dividend is 0.94p (0.88p). Profit margins were affected by competitive markets and unfavourable exchange rates. Adequate provisions have been made for a fire at headquarters in August. At the time, the shares fell from 174p to 166p on fears of a big clean-up bill after chemicals leaked into nearby rivers. The shares closed at 219p yesterday.

Sedgwick expands

SEDGWICK, the insurance broker, has expanded its international network with two acquisitions, funded by a EI3.9 million share placing. The company has purchased Cabinet Billet of France for £6.1 million, of which £4.9 million is payable now, and Duncan Peek, of America, for £7 million. The remaining £800,000 will be used for a German acquisition next year. The funds were raised by issuing 13.9 million shares, 4 million for vendors of Duncan Peek and the other 9.9 million were sold to institutions at a small discount to the 145p share price at the time of the announcement.

Oriflame payout held

ORIFLAME International, the direct sales cosmetics company, is holding the interim dividend at 4p a share to reinvest in the business despite a rise in pre-tax profits from £2.4 million to £4.2 million. Earnings rose from 4.1p a share to 6.8p. In the first six months £1.6 million was invested in the Dublin factory to meet higher sales and capital expenditure for the year is expected to be £3.6 million. Sales rose from £26.46 million to £37 million, with contributions from ACO, a skin care and cosmetics firm acquired in January, and from eastern European associated companies and licensees.

Office supplier halted

WAVERLEY Cameron, the office supplies group, had its shares suspended yesterday. Last week, the company was forced to withdraw draft accounts for the year to end-March after they were sent out before Ernst & Young, its auditor, had signed them off. Two non-trading subsidiaries were placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation last week and E&Y wants the second of th the accounts to reflect this. Bell Lawrie White resigned as stockbroker to Waverley Cameron in June and Raphael Zorn Helmsley replaced it.

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US economy finally shows signs of sustained recovery

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE is increasing that the US economy is finally responding to the Bush administration's policy of cutting interest rates and allowing a huge devaluation in the dollar.

The latest figures suggesting the US recovery is under way come from the National Association of Purchasing Management; its purchasing managers' index jumped to 55 per cent in November from 50.6 per cent in October. Any reading above 50 per cent indicates the manufacturing economy is expanding.

The American economy has already suffered a number of false starts as activity and confidence indicators have turned upwards and then

A GERMAN company has, at

a price, finally succeeded in regaining worldwide control

of one of the world's best-

known skin-care brand names

The brand is Nivea, which was seized by Britain in war

reparations, and the price a

Smith & Nephew, which

bought the rights to a skin cream invented at the turn of

the century from the British

government, is understand-

ably pleased at the outcome.

"We are essentially a health

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The end of the recession in the United States may have been called by a jump in the purchasing managers' index, which shows that manufacturing is expanding

faded away again. But this time, there appears to be more confidence that the signs of recovery will be sustained.

Despite many months of low interest rates and a considerable boost to export competitiveness from the devalued dollar, the American economy has seemed to lack the magic ingredient of confidence, That, according to David Hale, of Kemper Financial in Chicago, has changed since Bill Clinton's election win. What we have at least is a charisma-led recovery," he

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when the aines marched off with the patent files after the war, they left the Germans a market in which to rebuild. Smith and Nephew bought the rights to market Nives in

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said. He believes that the American economy could be growing by 3-4 per cent by the second half of next year.

The accumulating signs of recovery received an official stamp from two sources. Jean-Claude Paye, secretary general of the Organisation for Eco-nomic Cooperation and Dev-elopment, said yesterday that the American recovery was in the process of showing itself and that this would translate into a better growth performance in the rest of the industrialised world next year.

At the International Monetary Fund, Michael Mussa, director of research, said he expected the dollar to rise against European currencies, particularly the mark, as the American economy

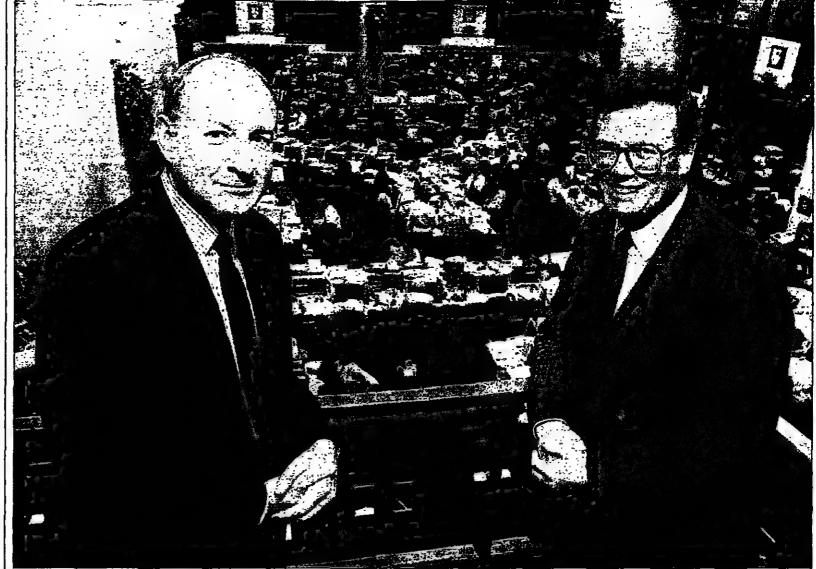
strengthens.

However, despite stronger economic data the dollar fell, caught in the cross fire of more exchange-rate mechanism turbulence. A reiteration of the Bundesbank's hard line on interest rates sent investors piling into the mark and put the lira and the French francunder pressure. The Bank of France had to step into the market to defend the france and the transport to and there was even talk that it may be forced to float.

In America, the report from US purchasing managers said the index increase was led by production and new orders which rose to their highest level for six months. Employment is still contracting but at

a slower pace.

Tangible hope that recovery is now underway across the Atlantic is good news for Britain which sends 12 per cent of all exports the US. As in Britain, the US recovery has been held back by high levels of consumer and corporate debt. The latest evidence from the US suggests, however, that a policy of lower interest rates and currency devaluation does eventually work



Bright outlook: John Hunt, left, and Nick Brigstocke, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, advisor and broker to Tomkins' offer for RHM

Acceptance at 90% for Tomkins

THE £653 million rights issue from Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, to fund its acquisition of Ranks Hovis McDougall has achieved an encouraging acceptance level of 90.4 per cent.

The outstanding shares were successfully placed in the market by Bardays de Zoete Wedd at a premium of 23p to the rights issue price.

The exercise was the third largest underwritten rights issue ever on the London market. Tomkins shares rose 34p to 232p, against a fully-paid

issue price of 200p.

The offer for RHM closes on Monday and is widely expected to succeed. If this happens, the second tranche of the rights issue money, totalling £269 million, will become payable.

British Steel to challenge **American import duties**

BY PATRICIA TERAN AND TOM WALKER

BRITISH Steel pledged to fight the US commerce department's decision to impose duties on imports of flat-rolled

The European Commission described the American decision as a "severe blow" to Community steel producers and said the knock-on effects of American protectionism could herald a steel crisis in the Community as big as that of the early 1980s. The com-mission said American action against British Steel seems

particularly unfair. Although flat-rolled steel is only a small proportion of British Steel's total sales to America, the company said it "will seek a reappraisal and we

Racal Electronics in black after Chubb demerger

expect a reversal" of the

In a preliminary ruling on Monday, the US commerce department said it will impose duties of between less than 1 per cent to 59 per cent for rolled steel imports from 12 countries, including Britain, in retaliation against alleged unfair government subsidies. The department plans to

make a final ruling next April. A British Steel spokesman said: "British Steel strongly disagrees with the preliminary finding of the US commerce department on imports of steel plate from the UK and rejects the argument that the company benefited in any way from subsidies in producing

this material. We see this as a very bad decision that appears to be based on a misapprehension of the facts."

In the last financial year sales of about 30,000 tonnes of flat-rolled steel to America accounted for £11.5 million of British Steel's £4.6 billion turnover. Total American turnover was £192 million. In the current year, sales of flat-rolled steel have tailed off.

Commission officials admitted Washington had acted legally in imposing the duties and said that anti-dumping duties could follow in January, which will put the American market completely beyond the reach of Community steel

Peking threat hits HK shares

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

FRENZIED selling wiped more than 5 per cent off Hong Kong's stock market yesterday after China's threat to throw out the colony's business agreements after 1997. Shares in HSBC Holdings, parent of Midland Bank, were a notable casualty.

The Hang Seng index lost 309 points to 5,502 on a turnover of HK\$3.85 billion (£330 million). It has lost nearly 15 per cent since the record close of 6,447 just a

fortnight ago. Sterling-denominated shares in HSBC fell 16p to 502p in London. This compares with a high of 565p on November 11, shortly before the bank launched a £435 million placing. But this is only a hicup in the tremendous run the shares have had. A year ago they were at 234p. They have been boosted since by the the soaring Hang Seng index, the prospect of HSBC winning Midland, and the

pound's fall. The stock market fall is expected to continue as Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, took a tough stance against China yesterday despite growing anxieties in the business community. Mr Patten told legislators that he would not drop the democratic plans for Hong Kong that China so vehemently opposes.

Peking has given warning that if Mr Patten gives more democracy to the colony than that promised in the Basic Law, the post-1997 constitution, it will cancel all contracts, leases and agreements after the takeover. These include franchises for utilities, land eases and contracts for infrastructure projects such as the

new airport. China's backing of these projects, which straddle 1997, is crucial for investor confidence. The blue chips which need the franchises were severely battered yesterday. Hongkong Telecom, a Cable and Wireless subsidiary, shed 35 cents to HK\$9.10, Hong Kong Electric was down HK1.1 to HK\$15.2.

Brokers say the market was driven by futures selling and arbitrage trading, and that further falls were expected.

"China is just raising the temperature and really showing the business community here that if the governor carries on in his present ways there are going to be more problems and more uncertainty." said Howard Gorges of South China Brokerage.

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Norweb raises dividend

land, have reflected the strength of the core business and a strong upturn in de-

is raised from 5.3p to 5.9p.

profits. TV-am payout

Virgin Communications. starts a new radio station in

Amstrad date

The High Court yesterday ordered that a hearing concerning the December 10 extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of Amstrad, at which Alan Sugar's 30p cash take-out offer is due to be considered, should take place tomorrow and not as originally set down on Monday, December 7.

acquisitions.

Shares halted

yesterday.

care company these days," said John Robinson, the chief executive. But Smith has re-

A strong profit performance and an inflation-beating divi-dend rise from Norweb, the electricity distributor that serves the north-west of Eng-

mand from the commercial Pre-tax profits rose from £33.4 million to £37.1 million in the six months to end-September, and the dividend

The company expects another strong performance in the second half, which is the most important for the electricity industry in terms of Tempus, page 22.

TV-am, the company which ceases television broadcasting on December 31, has decided to distribute part of the company's reserves and is paying a 40p a share second interim dividend. The dividend, payable to 3.002 shareholders. will cost £26.7 million. The company, in association with

Jarvis move

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Jarvis Hotels, the private business created by John Jarvis, formerly chairman of Hilton International, is raising £13 million from its four institutional shareholders to fund the purchase of the Spiders Web Hotel in Watford and further

Rentaminster, the USMquoted employment and training services group, has been placed in receivership. Shares were suspended at 4p

worldwide control of the brand. Both companies be-lieve that will enable it to be more readily exploited. Eric Kinder, Smith's chair-

Nivea returns home

after 47 years away

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

man, said: "This new relation-ship with Belersdorf makes good sense in a market where large brands are global." The deal would reinforce Smith's presence in consumer mar-kets, and enable it to benefit from Beiersdorf's growth plans for the Niven name. In addition to marketing rights, Beiersdorf will take over responsibility for re-

search, development and production. Smith and Nephew will use the cash to cut ing, now at about 30 per cent, to below 20 per cent.

Thames hopeful

THAMES Television, which ceases broadcasting on January 1 when Cariton takes over its London ITV licence, yesterday promised its shareholders a turnover next year in excess of £100 million (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Now an independent producer selling programmes to the BBC, Channel 4 and ITV, Thames forecast its production business alone will bring in between £45 million and £55 million in 1993.

At least another £1 million will derive from its 15 per cent holding in UK Gold, the new satellite channel that broadcasts Thames and BBC

Costs extinguished: David Peacock, Chubb's chief

By Neil Bennett

RACAL Electronics, the communications and radar group, has bounced back into profit after the demerger of Chubb Security, its locks and electronic surveillance group. The group reported a pre-tax profit of £23.1 million for

the half year to October 9. doss of £2.4 million). The company achieved the turnround despite a 6 per cent fall in turnover to £448 million and a £7.8 million exceptional charge for reorganisation. 1,000 redun-

Chubb Security, which demerged from Racal two months ago, meanwhile beat its earlier forecasts by reporting a 92 per cent leap in pretax profits to £26.9 million in

the half year to October 9. At the time of the demerger Chubb said it would make a pre-tax profit of £21 million. The company beat its target despite a £5.37 million charge for rationalisation.

Both companies are paying a 1.5p dividend, which means the payout has doubled for shareholders in the former combined group. The main reason for the

rise in Chubb's profits was rationalisation, including 1,000 redundancies, which cut costs by £11.7 million, and the disposal of loss-making subsidiaries, which boosted profits by £1.9 milbon but forced the company to make a £1.9 million ex-traordinary provision. David

he was pleased with the figures in the light of the world recession. The £23 billion world security market was stable but Chubb hoped to expand its 3 per cent market share, particularly in the electronic security field.

Peacock, chief executive, said

Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman, said he was disappointed by his company's figures despite the turnaround. They were hit by losses at Redac, the computer design company, and poor results from the marine

Racal's return to profits was caused by a turnround in data communications, which reported a profit of £4.3 million (£1.8 million loss).

Andrew Sykes Group (I) Pre-troc 2802,000 Profits up from £519,000. Redundencies cost £255,000, More redundancies expected. Margins still under pressure. EPS: 1.7p (nil) Div: 1.4p (1.4p) Investment trust. Net asset value 221p (277p) Invests in smaller companies. Proposed final dividend: 8.2p. Dundee & London (F) Pre-text: £2.5m (£2.6m) S: 10.84p (11.32p) Div: 3.8p (3.8p)

Miliwati Holdings (F) Pre-tax: £1.6m loss EPS: 1.46p loss Div: nil (nil) Sterling Publishing (I) Pre-tax: 21.04m (£0.57m) EPS: 1.5p (1.1p) Div: 0.6p (0.5p)

Huntingdon International Pre-tac: £14.4m (£16.9m) EPS: 0.115p (0.146p) Div: 1.9p, mkg 2.775p

Feedback (I) Pre-tax: £340,600 EPS: 2.41p (1.34p loss) Div: nil (nll) BSS (I)

Pre-text: £4.01m (£5.16m) EPS: 11.44p (16.4p) Div: 5.75p (5.75p)

Compares with loss of £2.7m. Previous loss per share: 2.36p. Bulk of loss due to disposal of Tavern Leisure, a subsidiary.

Pound devaluation will affect full year results due to foreign printing and despatch costs. Good advertising sales growth.

Final results. Very difficult trading conditions. Lower interest income and higher tax rates affacted income.

Compares with £149,600 loss last time. Return to profit attributed to improved margins and reduced operating costs. Some improvement in second quarter but building supply industry remains weak with no real sign of upturn.

GOVERNMENT securities recovered a little, with senti-SHORTS (sunder 5 years) Pond 6% 1923 99% ... Prom 6% 1923 107% ... Tress 17% 1924 107% ... Ench 17% 1924 107% ... Cars 17% 1925 107% ... Tress 12% 1925 107% ... Tress 17% 1926 117% ... Tress 17% 1927 117% ... Tress 17% 1929 117% ... Tress 94% 2002 Tress 10% 2008 Fund 34% 1999-04 Court 94% 2004 Tress 114% 2001-04 Court 94% 2005 Tress 124% 2003-08 ment helped by gains for French bonds. The focus of 6.32 6.89 6.81 6.88 6.71 6.88 6.98 6.94 6.70 7.21 7.24 7.26 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.72 attention, however, was again today's £2.5 billion auction of 3 per cent Treasury stock LONGS (over 15 years) Tress 95 2002-06 Tress 95 2003 Tress 95 2003 Tress 19 2003-07 Tress 95 2008 Tress 19 2004 Tress 19 2004 Tress 19 2005 Tress 19 2005 Tress 19 2005 Tress 17 2004 Tress 75 2004 Tress 75 2005 T 2003, with dealers expecting the auction to be covered about 1.5 times by bids. Trading conditions were described by dealers as a little squeezy and the longs showed early gains of about a quarter of a point, although prices settled about three-eighths UNDATED firmer at the long end. The March gilt future Tress LFVS 1997 1194 125 Tress SFA 1997 1094 115 Tress SFA 1997 1094 115 Tress SFA 1995 1084 1184 118 Each 125 1998 11874 118 Tress SFA 1998 11874 118 Tress SFA 1999 11874 118 Conv 1046 1999 11874 118 Conv 1046 1999 11874 118 Conv 1046 1999 11874 118 Tress SFA 1998 11874 118 Tress 1046 1999 11874 11874 Tress 1056 1999 11874 11874 picked up nine ticks to £9814/s2, with volume for 8.35 11.67 6.90 8.99 10.15 11.57 6.81 9.17 9.34 10.23 8.54 10.41 9.12 March amounting to 26,000 INDEX-LINKED contracts, although this in-0.44 1.90 3.19 3.33 3.52 3.67 3.71 3.76 3.78 3.82 3.82 cluded rolling over from December's contracts. Among Trees IL 24, 2006 Trees IL 24, 2009 Trees IL 24, 2011 Trees IL 24, 2013 Trees IL 24, 2016 Trees IL 24, 2020 Trees IL 24, 2020 the shorts, Treasury 84 per cent 1997 rose i tick to £10423/32, while at the longer end Treasury 9 per cent 2012

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lower in early trading as profit-taking forced the Dow

industrials to give back more than half of Monday's ad-

vance analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial

average was down 10.80 points to 3294.36 while in the

broad market declining issues

pulled ahead of advancing

☐ Tokyo — Shares succumb-

ed to profit-taking and closed near the day's lows. The

Nikkei average was down

370.61 points, or 2.10 per cent, to 17,313.04, with about

☐ Singapore — Share prices

dosed easier on profit-taking

260 million shares traded.

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WORLD MARKETS

Profit-taking knocks

Dow in early trading

New York - Shares turned while Malaysian shares trad-

WALLSTREET

ed over the counter eased on

the announcement that forged

scrips had been found in the

market. The Straits Times

industrial index eased five points to 1.464.07 at the close.

Sydney — Shares were dragged lower again by a weak local currency in after-

noon trade after a brief revival

sparked by better than expected economic data. The All-

Ordinaries index closed 3.8

Frankfurt - Share prices

ended a quiet session of trad-

ing near Monday's firmer

levels. The Dax index closed

up 0.55 points at 1,544.89. (Reuter)

points lower at 1444.3.

STOCK MARKET

Peking threat hits firms with HK links

panies exposed to Hong Kong were hit after China's threat to repudiate all commercial agreements made by the current government there which are not first agreed with Peking.

However, many City observers were taking the view that the dispute is no more than posturing and sabre-rattling, with both sides out to set new ground rules. But the Hang Seng index responded to China's war of words with Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, with a 7 per cent fall and is now selling on a multiple of nine times' next year's earnings.

Among stocks with a large exposure to Hong Kong and affected by China's open challenge, HSBC, where the colony accounts for about twothirds of profits and about a quarter of the bank's total assets, lost 16p to 502p. Others include Cable and Wireless, which gains about 55 per cent of taxable profits from the area, down 6p to 659p, and Standard Chartered, which has 130 offices in Hong Kong and describes it as its most significant operation, 10p weaker at 543p. Inchcape, which depends on the area for about 30 per cent of its operating profits, held

steady at 493p. Meanwhile, equities paused for breath early on as profittakers' selective selling de-pressed prices. This initially out the brakes on the recent record-breaking run, but the early losses were reversed after a big buyer of the futures helped to push the cash market back into positive record-

Dated this 2nd day of December 1992

breaking territory. A negative start on Wall Street did little to slow London down and the underlying tone held firm, with dealers continuing to pin their hopes on economic recovery, starting in America.

A late futures-driven rally allowed shares to close near their best levels. The FT-SE 100 index tested the important 2,800 level, ending the day at another record close of 2,792.0, up 13.2, having touched a new intra-day record trading high of 2,794.7 during the afternoon. Volume reached a reasonably healthy 631 million shares.

Buying interest from overseas investors, particularly America, helped to keep inter-national stocks in favour. Among those attracting sup-port, ICI advanced 19p to £10.13. Reuters added 18p to

Bridon, the wire rope maker, advanced 3p to 56p on news that it has won its biggest order to date. Bridon is involved in a joint venture company that has won the world's largest order for high carbon steel wire. The £20 million wire rope contract is for the Tsing Ma Bridge in Hong Kong.

£13.54 and BOC Group rose 17p to 773p.

The retailing and stores sector also attracted fresh seasonal demand, partly for technical reasons. Argos gained 8p to 284p, Laura Ashley 4p to 81p, Boots 7p to 524p, Clinton Cards 7p to 88p and Dixons, which is thought to be enjoying strong pre-Christmas

ENGLISH AND DUTCH INVESTMENT TRUST

(Engels-Hollandse Beleggings Trust N.V.)

Established in Amsterdam

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the holders of the Purticipation

Certificates ("PCs") issued pursuant to an Agreement of 4th April 1929 (as

tolding Ordinary shares in English and Dutch Investment Trust ("the Company")

on their behalf, will be held at its offices at One Aldgate, London EC3N IRE on

Wednesday 9th December 1992 at 10.30am ("the Meeting") for the purposes of considering and if thought fit giving directions as to the memor in which the Trustees shall exercise the voting rights attaching to the Ordinary shares so held

in respect of each of the resolutions to be put to the Entreordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held in Amsterdam on Thursday

17th December 1992 at 10,00 hours ("the EGM") contained in the Notice for the

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applemental thereto, copies of the report of the Meeting of 17th June 1992, omination of Management, nomination of Supervisory Directors and the

wishing to attend and vote at the Meeting must arrange to obtain from Hill

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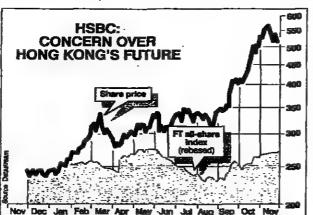
stand adjourned to the same time and place on Wednesday 16th December 1992

on at the EGM will not be entitled to vote at the Meeting. The quorum required for the Meeting is three holders of PCs present in person. If a quotum is not present within thirty minutes of the appointed time for the Meeting it shall

sed amendments to the Articles of Association are available for inspection at the above mentioned offices of Royal Exchange Assurance. Holders of PCs

A copy of the Agreement dated 4th April 1929 together with agreemen

esded), for whom Royal Exchange Assumance act as impress ("the Trustees")



trading in America and the UK, added 9p to 260p. GUS A rose 27p to £16.50. Kingfisher 2p to 585p, Marks and Spencer 72p to 340p, Next 5 p to 134p, Ratners 2p to 194p, WH Smith A 8p to 493p and Storehouse firmed

lp to 190p. The recent strong run of Asda Group carne to an end as the profit-takers moved in. The shares lost 54p to 524p after reports that James Capel and BZW were among brokers advising their clients to

Shares in Tarmac were 5p stronger at 90p after a newspaper report of the company's purchase from the govern-ment of the Property Services Agency which suggested the deal was significantly more favourable to the company

than had been reported. some of the figures ascribed to the deal, while refusing to become drawn into the political row. The company says many of the financial arrangeports of government plans to widen the range of non-prescription drugs to cut costs in the health service overshadowed some of the pharmaceutical stocks. Adverse sentiment towards

the sector and some profit-taking pushed Glam 16p lower to 780p and knocked S<u>mithKlin</u>e Beecham A by 17p to 534p.

A flurry of corporate results provided most of the other main talking points. The benefits of unlocking Chubb Security from Racal Electron-ics showed in their first figures as separate companies. Both reported strong profits, but the market had already discounted Racal's performance. Racal shares lost 17p to 154p, but Chubb firmed 1p to 227p.
Allied-Lyons, which last

DC Cook, unchanged at 22p. is hoping to reap rewards from its purchase of Norfolk Espana, Norfolk House's Spanish arm, which develops

week got the green light for its

petrol sites. Norfolk Espana appears to reflect the total amount the company is rewhich has some 20 sites under option of which eight questing rather than any final. have planning permission, Elsewhere BPB was a good was bought from the receiver market, adding 9p to 184p, while RMC Group, which did a BZW presentation last week, a year ago.

lanned tie-up with Carlsberg. fell 11p to 633p. Despite producing a slight rise in interim profits and a slightly lower than anticipated dividend, Allied shares were depressed by pre-results caution, said to have come from Cazenove, Allied's joint-broker, and James Capel. Elsewhere in the sector, Grand

report finals tomorrow, lost 12p to 447p, while Guinness advanced 19p to 557p, boostdation from Nomura, the Jananese securities house.

Normura forecasts profits of £970 million for Guinness this year, with £1.09 billion expected next year.

Disappointing final losses and a slashed dividend from Trafalgar House saw shares in the engineering, construc-tion and luxury liner group slide 6p to 89p, with reports that BZW was telling clients to sell in the wake of losses. Tomlons announced that

90.4 per cent of its 200p-a-share rights issue to raise £653 million for the £935 million agreed takeover of Ranks Hovis McDougall had been taken up. Tomkins shares firmed 3½p to 232p, while RHM added 2p to 262p. The rump of the Tomkins rights issue was comfortably placed

by BZW. BTR advanced 182p to 517 p, boosted by reports of positive reviews from BZW and James Capel, while Vodafone improved 3p to 406p after talk of a buy note from Strauss Turnbull.

Euro Disney slid 43p to 725p on reports of an increased loss forecast from Goldman Sachs, the American securities house.

The construction and property giant, MEPC, 2p lower at 337p, was the latest to show the scars of the slump as profits fell sharply down, al-though the dividend was

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MICHAEL CLARK

Meanwhile, many of the water stocks dripped a linle lower on profit-taking and a critical Ofwat ruling on costs. Tarmac is taking issue with

Among the losers, Anglian eased 3p to 465p, Northumbrian 15p to 523p, Southern 7p to 446p, Thames 4p to 476p, Wessex 7p to 555p and Yorkshire 13p to 501p. Re-

ments for the handover of the

PSA confer no significant benefits on Tarmac itself, but

are aimed at safeguarding the

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ried out. Tarmac had no

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The report also sugge Tarmac would receive £130

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MAJOR CHANGES

ENGELS-HOLLANDSE BELEGGINGS TRUST N.V. (English and Dutch Investment Trust) Established in Amsterdam

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraordinary General Meeting of bareholders will be held on Thursday 17th December 1992 at 10,00 hours at the silius of the Company, Keizersgeschi 674, Amsterdam

2. Report of the Meeting of 17th June 1992.

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on wishing to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company mu deposit their Sharer not less than seven days before the Meeting with Hollands insbank N.V., Keizersgracht 674, 1017 ET Amsterdam or with Hill amuel Bank Limited, 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit scriffcate will be issued to such Shereholders which, upon surrander, will entitle them to vote at the Meeting.

Holders of Shares registered with the Company in its Shareholders' Register mor inform the Board of Managing Directors in writing at least four days prior to the Meeting that they intend to attend the Meeting in person or by proxy. Holders of Participation Certificates issued by Royal Exchange Assurance who

wish to attend and vote at the Meeting must contact the Trustee Department of pefore the Meeting.

nber of Shares held in trust as the Certificate Holders shall have deposite

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MONEY MARKETS Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 78.9 (day's range 78.4-78.9).

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Chinese torture at Midland

n the sense of the old Chinese curse, these are interesting times for former shareholders in Midland Bank. Now part of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank, the Midland and its staff must be viewing with some concern the latest gyrations of the Hong Kong stock market. The Hang Seng index is being unnerved by the sound of sabre-rattling across the water on the mainland where the government is threatening mayhem for the business community after 1997. The warning that all contracts ratified by the Hong Kong government but not blessed by Peking will be invalid after the colony reverts to Chinese sovereignty may be dismissed as political posturing. But who can bank on it?

Chris Patten, Hong Kong's governor, is committed to further democratic reform in direct opposition to the wishes of the mainland authorities. The first casualty in this stand-off is investor confidence, as the 1,000-point tumble in the Hang Seng from last month's high demonstrates. But before long the war of words betwen Mr Patten and the Chinese government may hurt the real economy of the colony. The mainland authorities have already allowed their displeasure at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's takeover of the Midland to become widely known. Though it is clearly in the best interests of Peking to see HSBC as a strong and powerful entity, there is always a danger that for the Chinese authorities, ideology may overcome logic. The threat to official leases, contracts and other agreements certainly suggests that the economic interests of the colony, especially the need to maintain the confidence of business, are taking second place to politics just now. Such agreements are crucial in many large-scale infrastructure projects, such as the planned airport

and container terminal. There is now a danger that when Peking sneezes, Hong Kong will catch cold. Many investors are still sitting on handsome profits, thanks to the buoyancy of the market before the recent collapse. Former Midland shareholders are exposed to the likelihood of further panic selling in the colony. They must be hoping that Midland's far eastern rescuer does not itself become a pawn in the chess game that ends in

Not so Ritzy

I here is nothing like recession for exposing a flawed business strategy. The glossy image of Trafalgar House in the booming mid-1980s could hardly have been more reassuring to investors. The exposure to high-growth activities such as construction, property, housebuilding and leisure, plus the patina of class conveyed by the brand names of Cunard and Ritz, were a winning combination. But as British Aerospace also found with its mix of defence, property and cars, a heady bull market mixture has a way of becoming a lethal cocktail in

For Sir Nigel Broackes and Sir Eric Parker, the architects of good times and bad for Trafalgar, the last couple of years brought a recession too deep from which to climb without substantial balance sheet damage. They go on their way handsomely ombensated but shareholders tace a bleak future The perceived strength of Trafalgar's diverse profit stream has proved to be an illusion and there is more pain ahead. By tradition, new management goes in for a kitchen sink clearance that lays the foundations for strong recovery. Trafalgar analysis fear that certain banking covenants limited scope for asset writedowns. Dividends may need further cuts. Hongkong Land's presence as a stakeholder remains the best prop for Trafalgar's share price.

Making the Cadbury code work will test City's mood for change

The new code of best practice should lift company performance, but looks dated to reformers, writes

Graham Searjeant

ime moves on. Eighteen months ago, Sir Adrian Cadbury's committee was set up amid disquiet over speciacular company failures and over boardroom sharp practice, exemplified by court cases against prominent businessmen and the odd prison sentence. Before the election, this was the business establishment's great hope for a voluntary cure that would avoid the heavy hand of law

and bureaucracy.

By the time the committee issued its final report yesterday, this agenda had been somewhat overtaken. The election had passed, but calls for reform had intensified. Last week's paper from the Auditing Practices Board showed how much the climate has changed. Instead of the City and industry trying to convince hostile politicians that they were putting their house in order, the air is full of calls from leading City figures for a version of America's statutory Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Cadbury report looks slightly dated because it did not even aim at reform. Its mission was to spread the boardroom practices of the best-run companies to all the others. That approach has the advantage that its ideas are tested and can be put into effect straight away. If the Cadbury code achieves its aim, it should drag corporate performance up a notch over time, reduce the number of costly mistakes and help ensure they are dealt with, not swept under the boardroom carpet and smoothed over in company accounts.

As Sir Adrian admitted, bringing in the code might not stop rogue



Boardroom blueprint: Sir Adrian and fellow members of the team that drew up the code

entrepreneurs, such as the late Robert Maxwell. The good practices of the worthy might not change the behav-

iour of the unworthy.

The code's central thrust is to consolidate the role of non-executive directors. It obliges listed companies to have a minimum of three, to give them specific roles in audit and executive pay committees, and to involve them more in board decisions over material deals and capital investment. They would have to do more than eat a good lunch once a

made since the interim report in the summer. Apart from underlining the importance of internal auditors and company secretaries, these soften any notion that non-executives are a breed apart from the executives on a unitary board. The committee has bowed to thinly justified complaints from the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors that the code might bring in something akin to a two-tier board by

quarter. The conservative nature of the back door. Any board member the report is underlined by changes will be able to attend meetings of its audit committee, negating fears arising from the interim report that the non-executives on the audit committee would form a private group, enter a cabal with auditors and secondguess the executives. Shareholders will not have the right to raise queries directly with chairmen of audit and pay committees at annual meetings, as originally suggested.

These changes would not matter if the roles of chairman and chief mistakes all over again.

executive were separated, so that a non-executive chairman leads boardroom discussion and decision-make ing and can act as the central point of reference for worried shareholders. The committee has avoided any such prescription. This is not surprising. since most top companies do not separate the roles, but it weakens the code where companies have a single wilful boss. That is where much of the trouble has arisen.

he committee also relies heavily on shareholders, overwhelmingly institution-al shareholders, to act as monitors and generally look after their own interests. The idea is that the compulsory statement of compliance, or non-compliance, with the code will give them the key to force good practice on the board. If a company does not comply, shareholders will have a ready hook on

which to hang demands for change. In theory, big shareholders have all the power they need, using their own networks to counteract the power of the incumbent board. In several recent cases, they have used it. More often, they do not. Mike Sandland, chairman of the institutional shareholders committee and a member of the Cadbury committee, hopes they will soon be more active, at least in using their votes. He made it equally clear that most institutions did not want to intervene in the affairs of the companies they own, nor do they see non-executives as their representa-tives. Big investors will rely on nonexecutives doing their job as part of the unitary board team.

Much non-executive zeal should be unleashed by the introduction of the code next year. Will it last? In the absence of some external point of reference for shareholders and auditors, the danger is that compliance with the code will become a meaningless formality and that, come the next boom, non-executives will change little and a new generation of managerial optimists and ambitious entrepreneurs will make the same

Shared power will bring more balance to the board

Code of Best Practice contained in the Cadbury report: I. The Board of Directors

1.1 The board should meet regularly, retain full and effective control over the company and monitor the executive management.

1.2 There should be a clearly accepted division of responsicompany, which will ensure a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision. Where the chairman is also the chief executive, it is essential that there should be a strong and independent element on the board, with a recognised senior member.

non-executive directors of sufficient calibre and number for their views to carry significant weight in decisions.

1.4 The board should have a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to it for decision to ensure that the direction and control of the company is firmly in its hands. *1.5 There should be an agreed procedure for directors in the furtherance of their duties to take independent professional advice if necessary, at the company's expense.

1.6 All directors should have access to the advice of services of the company secretary, who is responsible to the board for ensuring that board proceapplicable rules and regulations are complied with. Any question of the removal of the company secretary should be a matter for the whole board.

2. Non-Executive Directors 2.1 Non-executive directors should bring an independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, re-sources, including key appointments, and standards of

2.2 The majority should be independent of management and free from any business or other relationship which could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement, apart from their fees and shareholding. Their

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they commit to the company. Non-executive directors should be appointed for specified terms and reappointment should not be automatic.

*2.4 Non-executive directors should be selected through a formal process and both this process and their appointment should be a matter for the Executive Directors

*3.1 Directors' service contracts should not exceed three years without shareholders' approval.

*3.2 There should be full and dear disclosure of directors total emoluments and those of the chairman and highestpaid UK director, including

stock options. Separate figures should be given for salary and performance-related elements and the basis on which performance is measured explained. *3.3 Executive directors' pay should be subject to the recommendations of a remuneration committee made up wholly or mainly non-executive

4. Reporting and Controls 4.1 It is the board's duty to present a balanced and under-standable assessment of the

company's position. 4.2 The board should ensure that an objective and professional relationship is maintained with the auditors. 4.3 The board should estableast three non-executive directors with written terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. *4.4 The directors should explain their responsibility for preparing the accounts next to a statement by the auditors about their reporting respon-4.5 The directors should re-

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Unigate gotta lotta bottle

A NEW audit procedure of customer payments by dairy group Unigate - checking up on the milkmen's returns has left some people wondering if the dairy food group has found a new way of boosting profits. As part of the procedure, Unigate "randomly" se-lects a milk round for investigation and sends customers statements to confirm outstanding payments. Unfortunately, its survey of Wimble don milkmen mistakenly resulted in 100 customers suddenly receiving somewhat random requests for thousands of pounds with their daily pinta yesterday. One customer, Duncan Robertson, who settles with his milkman weekly, received a bill of £4,216 for orders since Saturday. "Since Saturday, I've had four pints of milk and two cartons of orange juice. It seems a bit steep," he said. Unigate's Walton-on-Thames office, which sent out the letters says it was all a clerical mistake. "The administrator forgot to include a decimal point," spokeswoman Cathy Cuddihy explains.

Santa Matthews

SOME people will do anything to escape office Christ-mas parties. Charles Macleod Manhews, international salesman at Panmure Gordon, has signed up with a charity called Serious Road Trip and is set to lead a convoy of 20 trucks through Serbian lines to take food to Bosnian Muslims stranded near Sarajevo, Previous experience in the Royal Dragoons, where he gained the necessary HGV licence, pany whose name includes



and time spent transporting students across Africa as a land, the tour operator, have helped prepare him — but not for everything. "The British troops will supply a Warrior armoured car but we have to stay within a foot of the truck in front so we can't be shot at and the co-driver has been instructed to lie flat on the truck floor," Madeod Manhews reports. Undeterred, he sets out this Sunday from Kings Cross. "I hope to be back by Christmas but you can't be sure."

People problem

THE tables have suddenly been turned at Smythe Dorward Lambert, the corporate communications specialist, which is having a corporte communications problem of its own. Three years ago it lost the Lambert leg of its name when Andrew Lambert went off to help TSB with its corporate thinking. Now Lambert, 41, has joined People in Business and John Smythe and Colette Dorward suddenly

that of someone working for their chief rival. Smythe says he is not disturbed and intends no name changes. "Absolutely not," he says. "Rolls didn't drop the Royce just because Royce died. We see it as a powerful brand, not just a collection of people." Lambert, not surprisingly, says he prefers a brand name that is not a collection of surnames.

Poor law

A ROW has broken out among lawyers amid calls for the Law Society to scrap its minimum wage for articled clerks - or "trainee solicitors" as they are now called. The society introduced the minimum wage, now £12,150 in inner London, and £10,850 in the provinces, in 1985. But now there are 1,400 candidates seeking articles with only 20 or 30 places available at any one time and a growing number of lawyers thinks the mini-mum wage is stopping solici-tors from taking on students. The Law Society has put out a consultative paper asking so-licitors for their views but the idea of scrapping the minimum wage will be resisted by some big City names. Paul Salmon. partner of top City so-licitors Mishcon De Reya, agrees there is an abundance of talent — his firm received 700 applications for seven places - but says the minimum wage should stay. "Solicitors don't need to pay as much as us," says Salmon, whose partnership pays £17,000 to trainees. "But the law has always been called a rich man's profession and if you say people can work for virtually nothing to get in.

then it will be again.'

BUSINESS FETERS A little more generosity is needed

Sir. I recently received a letter from an Assurance Company with which I hold a whole-oflife policy expressing pleasure at being able to inform me that the rate of interest on the policy leans was being reduced in 912 per cent.

I have no doubt they were pleased at charging 2's per cent over bank rate to policyholders in lending them what is ultimately their own money in circum tances involving no risk to the lender. As good if not better rates are available from m; bank and I would have expicted an assurance company we exhibit a little more generosity to their members, particularly a mutual

company. Frere was a time

No Sugar substitute

From Mrs P. J. Ackerman Sir, It is about time an Amstrad shareholder stood up for Alan Sugar. I am a shareholder nolding 5,000 shares and whilst I am not happy at accepting 30p, I have resigned my mind to the fact that it is the best offer that I am likely to get. If this offer was so unreasonable then why have I not received a counter offer from some other company wishing to take over Amstrad. My understanding of the

offer sent to me is that if it goes through we will get our money some time in January. Does

ning this campaign against better to offer me and will be give me my money in January? If the offer is not accepted. can he tell me how much I am going to get in future? Whilst he may talk for some shareholders who emotionally do not wish to accept Mr Sugar's offer, I am a realist and when told to take the money I look at things commercially and not emotionally, as emotions in this case may cost people

Realistic banking

Gideon Fiegal who is runmoney. Yours faithfully, P. J. Ackerman,

15/16 Hickman Avenue,

From Geoffrey Harrison Sir, Mr Covins letter (November 24) makes sad reading. Why does he blame his banker for writing to him when he exceeds his agreed overdraft limit? He intimates he needs a higher facility, but fails to mention whether he offers in return security for the loan. It DEBRA ISAAC | is surely unrealistic to expect a

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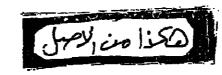
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Investors' Cannes-do approach

Christopher Warman on a property

exhibition that continues to boom

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in spite of the international slump

espite, or perhaps because of, the property slump, which is affecting the rest of world as badly as Britain, the fourth annual international property exhibition, Mipim, is growing. The numbers expected to attend the exhibition and conference, to take place at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes from March 13 to 16, are already up on this time last year.

"We believe the market is even more important at this crisis time, and the aim is to help companies identify the ways in which they can fight the difficulties," says Xavier

Roy, the chief executive of Midem, the international trade show organisation under whose umbrella Mipim has grown since it was

"Apart from in-

vestors, property was a collection of national markets, and even the big developers operated on a national basis," Mr Roy says. "So we spent over a year researching into this gap in the market and found there was a lot of interest, particularly from England

After the first year, the market has grown quickly. In 1991, more than 3,000 people came to Cannes from 22 countries, and this year the numbers grew to more than 5,000 people from 33 countries.

The aims of Mipim are to enable the international property profession to meet, to aid understanding of markets in other countries, to make governments more aware of the importance of the property industry, and to improve its image and encourage a more professional

The 1993 conference pro-

gramme includes a day-long semi-nar on the consequences of the Maastricht Treaty, and the effect of the single European market on the property market. There are also debates on the property market crisis, concluding with a session on "how to take advantage of a

Mipim is steadily attracting new participants. At this year's conference, eastern Europe was represented by an umbrella organisation: next year, Individual countries will attend. Representatives from Austria, Turkey and Mexico are travelling to Cannes for

the first time, and there will be sessions on the prospects for development in the emerging markets of Turkey and British agents

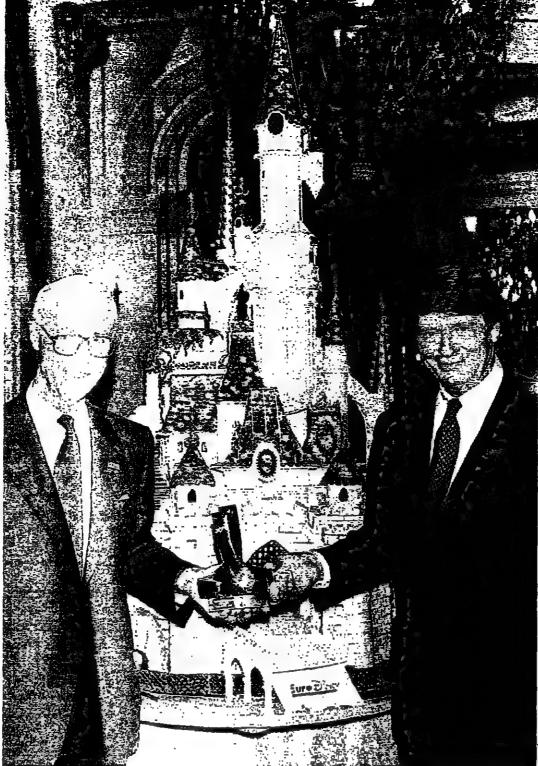
and law firms will

be there in force again, as well as developers, local authorities and urban development corporations. Trafford Park Development Corporation, for the first time, joins others, including Central Manchester, Positively Belfast, Black Country, Leeds and East Kilbride, who hope to attract investment. Another debutant is Tarmac

Europe, one of Europe's top five

building companies. "The British have been most supportive, and I have been greatly impressed by the way in which, when they are faced with today's difficulties, they roll their sleeves up and do something about it," Mr

French, German, American and Spanish professionals are strongly represented, and the organisers are also hoping that they may be able to entice participation from southeast Asia, which they see as an active



When you wish upon a star: Robert Fitzpatrick, left, receives the Mipim man of the year award

market that could be of benefit to, as well as benefit from Mipim.

The conference will discuss international trends in architecture, and will examine whether the property markets of France, Spain and the UK can be implanted in eastern

There is one other important

activity at Mipim: the doing of deals. The parties involved are discreet about such business, at

least until it is completed. And each year, Mipim selects its "man of the year". This year it was Robert Fitzpatrick, president of

EuroDisney, near Paris. He was selected for this award

Pacific offers broad horizons

A new report recommends Asia as an area of rapid growth for the 1990s

the Pacific Rim remains the most dynamic region in the world, according to Dr Ed Shann in the latest Pacific Rim Property Report by Baillieu Knight Frank.

Or Sharm says that despite the present difficulties facing Japan, the economies of other Asian countries with coastlines on the Pacific are very robust.
The concern about Japan's

economic downturn is reflected in the assessment of Mitsuru Saito, of BFK's Tokyo office.

Land values in Tokyo have fallen from their peak of 1989-90 by 30 to 40 per cent, and according to Saito, "it is anticipated that they will fall further during the next months". With office rents levelling off, and in some cases falling, the banks are considering intervention to buy bad or non-

performing loans with the hope of revitalising the sługgish property market. By contrast, Malaysia anticipates large scale

development, including a new airport, as a result of winning the right to stage Common-

wealth Games in 1998. The Kuala Lumpur property market looks set for expansion, retail space could double over the next five years, and twin 85-storey towers will increase office space by 5.5 million sq ft.

The market in Singapore is mixed. Retail rent is down and over-supply in the office sector has pushed rentals down by about 20 per cent since the end

The construction industry is, however, buoyant with govern-

In Hong Kong, there are signs of increased office rentals. The price of residential property is considered too high, and domes-tic and mainland investors and speculators are recognising better potential for higher capital investment in the office sector.

The report says Australia is emerging as "something of a safe haven opportunity". Although the stock market is weak

and a general property recovery would appear to be some way off, yields are at new historically high levels.

Lower interest rates and properthat it is a good time to buy, with Australian property representing an "excellent countercyclical opportunity.

As in so many fields, the health of the United States is vital in this business. Concentrating on the San Franthe fourth largest metropolitan region in the US, arnes asserts that its economic dynamics offer a

Tokyo blows: Japanese bright recession is worrying beyond the recession. He says that as the US moves out of recession, the market of the

1990s is likely to follow the pattern of the 1960s and 1970s, rather than the 1980s. This suggests positive gearing.

large pre-leasing to tenants with excellent credit, and little or no value attached to future income

IN THE MARKET Kanson builds on trust

handos Place, Covent Garden, is the latest ed by Christopher Ranson, one of the few private developers to survive the three recessions since he began developing property in Lon-don in the early 1970s, Chris-

topher Warman writes.
The 18,000 sq ft office block on the corner of Chandos Place and Bedfordbury also has a penthouse. The scheme has taken 11 years to com-plete. In return for permission to build the offices on the former Peabody Trust site, Ranson has built 30 flats next door for the Peabody Trust.

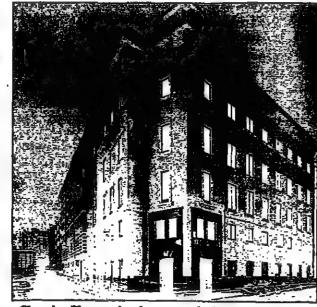
Built in black granite, sandstone and brick, and designed with a European flavour, Chandos Place has independent air-conditioning and central heating on each floor, while all the windows open, in an attempt to avoid "sick building syndrome". The building is to let through E.A. Shaw at about

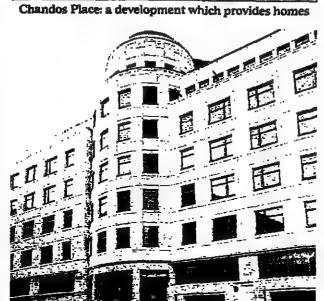
£30 a sqft. Mr Ranson says that even in the worst property slump since the second world war. Covent Garden remains notable for the shortage of available good quality office accommodation. "Chandos Place would be ideal for a medium-sized firm looking for a new headquarters, or a larger company's high-profile London office,"

Raymond's review PAUL RAYMOND, reputedly Britain's richest man, has made a significant move into King's Road, Chelsea, west London, buying the freehold of number 279 from Atlantic Estates for £2.65 million. This is Mr Raymond's first Chel-sea freehold. The property includes the four-screen MGM cinema, Europa Food and Mr Light shops.

Going Dutch HENRIETTA HOUSE, at the head of New Bond Street, London WI, is a 96,000 sq ft building on nine floors built by Nationale-Nederlanden NV, the Dutch insurance company, and Lynton plc. This landmark building is the Dutch company's first development in this country.

Henrietta House was designed by architects BDP in classical style, with Portland stone on its façade, and sculptural friezes of carved Portland stone by Keir Smith,





Henrietta House: corporate headquarters in West End

which have received awards from the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts and the Royal Society for the Arts. It is one of the very few new developments available in the West End suitable as an international beadquarters for corporate occupiers, and has a quoted rent of £4.75 million a year (£49 a sq ft) through Sinclair Goldsmith. Healey & Baker and Jones Lang Wootton

Sloane arranger WORK has begun on a development at 60 Sloane Ave-

nue, Chelsea - one of the few

construction starts in the

West End this year. The scheme is designed by YRM/ Stanton Williams. It will have pletion in July 1994.
The façade of the existing

building, a neo-classical terracotta edifice known as Clearing III, designed for Harrods in 1911, will be retained and integrated with a contemporary design.

77,000 sq ft of offices with 36,000 soft of retail and a restaurant in a development by the Swedish investor, John Mattson Fastighets AB, funded by Svenska Handels-banken and due for com-

A model and drawings of

the scheme can be seen at an

exhibition at the RIBA of YRM/Stanton Williams designs. Ewen Hill of Jones Lang Wootton, agents with Egerton, say the building will be in a position to benefit from the anticipated shortage of space in 1994.

Leeds benefits

THE government Benefits Agency is moving to Trevelyan Square, Leeds, in the second stage of its relocation from London, representing the biggest single letting in the city this year.

The agency has taken 19,900 sqft in this £25 million development by MEPC, after the Department of the Environment acquired a 25year lease at close to the asking rent of £20 a sq ft. Trevelyan Square and the adjoining Ambler House offer a total of 72,000 sq ft of

Scottish peak

THE APEX 123 office building in the Haymarket, Edinhas been sold to the Antler Property Group for about £16 million, the biggest property investment transaction in Scotland this year.

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The 95,000 sq ft building is let to Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Education Department, Edinburgh Fund Man-agers, and Abbey National. The vendor, Union Discount Bank, is providing a rental guarantee for the remaining 18,000 sq ft.

London campaign FOLLOWING the sale of the riverside building at County Hall, the London Residuary Body (LRB), through Richard Ellis, is to launch a marketing campaign for the remainder of the site, targeting buyers in the Far East, north America

and continental Europe.
The remainder of the 12.5 acre site includes the north and south office blocks, the island block and the Adding-ton Street site, with a total of nearly 700,000 sq ft. The LRB has planning permission for the replacement of the north and south blocks with an office and retail development of 1,260,000 sq ft, designed to complement the riverside setting. The island block would be demolished.

The riverside building, formerly the home of the now defunct Greater London Council is to be converted into a 600-bedroom hotel.

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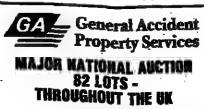
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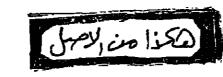
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A slip in their readership ratings could herald commercial disaster; when that happens an army of suits moves in, as they would if Heinz's share of the baked bean market started to wobble.

And market share is what it's all about. Nigel Davidson, managing director of the giant weekly magazine group within IPC, says: "What's the point of being big if you can't use your size? You have to have a good share of the market to get your share of advertisement sales." He says his six women's titles hold 43 per cent of the weeklies market, even though Bella and Take a Break, the two German titles from Bauer, have taken pole position in terms of circulation. But maintaining that market takes steely eyed management.

IPC identifies 28 market sectors in which it operates. Taken somewhat by surprise by some very real competition from home and abroad, the company now has a clear-cut, logical strategy for each market, and will look at very little outside that strategy. There is much talk now of "strategic" and "cluster" publishing.

A classic example of this is TV Times. With the profits from its duopoly (with Radio Times) threatened by deregulation of television listings, IPC launched the slightly more downmarket and programme-orientated What's On TV. Less than two years later the new arrival is outselling the traditional

title, and together their share

dominates the television listings

market, although Radio Times on its own outsells each of them.

Of the 32 main market sectors described by The Media Factor for the year to June 1992, Reed/IPC has seven market leaders in terms of readership. Emap has six and the BBC has four. The biggest readership of any magazine in the UK is that of Sunday magazine (free, but an integral part of the News of the World package on Sunday). After that come Radio Times and You magazine (part of The Mail on Sunday), then Reader's Digest, TV Times, Woman's Own and Viz.

It is arguable that editors of these big magazines play a less influential role than do the editors of smaller-circulation titles. The skills of the publisher and the production, marketing, finance, circula-tion and advertising executives all contribute just as much to the overall achievements. As Keith McNeill, editor of Woman's Own says: "There is no room for a loose cannon at this level."

If proof were needed, Bauer actually forbids its editors to talk to the press or be photographed. (But any PR who doesn't recognise them should seriously consider giving up

the day job.)

Described here are the market leaders in the four biggest categories, plus others that have a circulation of more than a million.

MEWSPAPERS

Publisher: News International. Editor: Sue Carroll, former woman's editor and assistant editor of

Circulation: 4,771,000. Page of colour advertising: £30,000. Readership: 11,926,000. More colourful and glossy since its re-launch under new editor and publishing team in 1990.

LISTINGS

RADIO TIMES Publisher: BBC Enterprises. Editor: Nicholas Brett, since 1988. Formerly features editor of The

Circulation: 1.574,000. Page of colour advertising: £17,100.

Readership: 5,894,000. A broadcasting magazine rather than a magazine with broadcasting details. Editor says the free listing guides have not affected his circulation; but if not, where did 1.3 million copy sales go to since 1990? Nevertheless, it is the individual winner following deregulation of listings information; vulnerable to other listings titles and Reader's Digest in advertisement elements.

GENERALINEREST

READER'S DIGEST Editor: Russell Twisk, former editor of The Listener and deputy editor of Radio Times. Circulation: 1,475,000. Page of

colour advertising £19,500.

Readership: 5,807,000. Following heavy incentive selling, 90 per cent is sold on subscription. Unique editorial package which Mr Twisk says will overtake Radio Times in the next six months.

WOMAN'S OWN Publisher: Reed/1PC. Editor: Keith McNell, former deputy editor, magazine and newspaper editor and writer.

Circulation: 701,000. Page of colour advertising: £25,000.

Readership: 4,185,000. One of the "classic four" at IPC and gradually restyled to compete more closely with Take a Break, which has almost twice the circulation. However, Break's readership has yet to catch up. Bauer's Bella also sells more than a million, and is within a whisker of Woman's Own's readership. Mr McNeill sees weekly and monthly women's titles becoming more dissimilar.

WOMER'S MONTHEES

Publisher: Gruner & Jahr. Editor: Sue James for past five years. Previously deputy editor. Circulation: 723,000. Page of colour advertising: £15,225.

Readership: 2,494,000. First of



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Circulation: 441,000. Page of ad-

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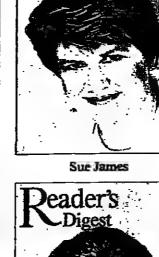
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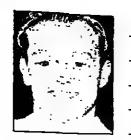
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ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney on the green and pleasant work of the British company Arup Associates

Home is where the headquarters are

It is not only his height and his high forehead but his intensity. "I believe deeply that the manner in which things are made is important," he says. He abhors the current fashion for cladding buildings in a veneer of marble or granite. If stone is used it must be load-bearing. "I find Henry VII's Chapel in Westminster Abbey ... difficult," he says, referring to the showmanship of the fan vaults which mark the high point of Perpendicular.

l love classical architecture because at its best it was rigorous both intellectually and constructionally," he continues. Intriguingly, the search for a contemporary language in architecture is leading his practice, Arup Associates, to a distinctly columnar style: not pastiche, but columns used in a thoroughly contemporary way without classical trimmings of any kind. Their latest building at Kingswood in Surrey, for Legal and General, has a giant colonnade as pronounced as that of the famous forest of columns along the Czernin Palace in Prague.

Dowson's newest partner, Yann Weymouth, chief architect for the Louvre Pyramid under I.M. Pei, elaborates: "We are modern, yet not modernist. We are dassical, yet not dassicists. We don't pull out the Palladio prints."

Don Ferguson, who was principally responsible for the Legal and General building, has a theory of 20th-century architecture. "Before 1939 an interesting combination of modernist space and classicist composition was emerging, notably under Asplund in Sweden. But the war interrupted this, and afterwards buildings had to be pared down because of shortages.

All this might be rather dry but for the element that transforms so many Arup Associates buildings — planting. Not just vegetation around the building, but greenery growing up façades and cascad-ing down. Their Wiggins Teape building in Basingstoke is a modern version of the hanging gardens of Babylon, with every level looking out over the large, luxuriantly planted terrace.

Ferguson explains: "I am a farmer's son, and Arups work closely with nurserymen. To us, landscaping is not part of the architectural service, it is the point from which we start."

Dowson expands: "I've always seen landscape as architecture. I have a theory that the earliest gardens were designed as external rooms. Next to the Petit Trianon 150 feet square at the most, a box in a box. a glazed screen over the entrance. Shut-

as a church - a wonderful sense of

Perhaps it was Dowson's training as a mathematician that led the great engineer, the late Sir Ove Arup, to turn to him when he decided to set up Arup Associates to run in tandem with his worldwide engineering practice. "Ove believed in a concept of total architecture," says Ferguson. So Arup Associates is multi-disciplinary, combining architects, environmentalists, economists, planners, traffic and

civil engineers.
Initially, Dowson says, much of their work was at universities. "Then this was overtaken by commissions for company headquarters. It involved us working closely with the Tavistock Institute on Human Relations. Moving people from lots of buildings into one produced

'To us, landscaping is not just part of the architectural service, it is the point from which we start'

traumas." Staff, they found, were often upset by change, especially in the arrange-ment of their personal office space.

At first Dowson avoided involvement in the speculative office boom. "I didn't see how it could produce architecture." But Arups tested the water with 1 Finsbury Avenue in the City of London, a darkened ass box which has supreme elegance thanks to the slenderness of all the metal parts. The same cannot be said of their subsequent massive development at Broadgate, much of which is overbearing and repetitive, despite the attractive cascade of greenery in the amphitheatre.

However, Arup Associates' two latest ventures mark a determined attempt to set new standards in comfort for the office worker. One had the advantage of a green-field site on the edge of Peterborough, the other of a green-belt site in Surrey (building permission had been given in the 1950s for another building on that site). Both are for insurance

The Royal Life building at Peterborough has been wickedly dubbed "the bunker because of its immensely long. ting out the sun - and south views over is agreed it takes shape within days."

the countryside — seems mean. But then you enter and discover the spacious internal street running the length of the building and lit from above, like an artist's studio with north light bounced off a billowing white sail roof.

At Legal and General, Ferguson goes one further. The whole exterior and both courtyards are designed as one continuous pergola. The first glimpse takes the breath away simply because, in suburban Surrey, it is so monumental. You approach up a long straight drive, aligned directly on the front door, past walled enclosures concealing the car parks. Here is the one serious flaw: service vehicles disappear down an ugly service ramp right in the middle of the grand approach. Unusually, the drop-off point is a good 30 yards from the main entrance doors. The clients wanted to avoid the usual clutter of cars waiting at the entrance," says Ferguson. Instead you walk through a large, formal rose garden up to an elegant

he genius of the building is that it provides a genuine and beauti-ful rationale for modern colonnades. The columns screen the all-glass walls from the view of residents near by, and also stop offices overheating when the sun comes out. Potential monot ony is neatly avoided by the treatment of the corners: indented planes of brickwork, reminiscent of Soane. Each carries a trio of belvederes which constantly regroup as you walk around. Their table-like design is strangely reminiscent of the traditional wind towers of houses in the Gulf, where Arups have done a lot of work.

Inside, though the finishes are far from expensive — white plaster walls and terrazzo floors — the generosity of space seems almost palatial. Instead of continu-ous open plan. Ferguson decided to create a series of salons, each containing about 40 to 50 people. But in future he senses "there will be a return to individual cellular offices; in Scandinavia and Califormia it is proving a sure way of recruiting

Ferguson explains that Arups avoid drawings. "We always use models. Here at Kingswood we put up scaffolding and filled it with plywood painted a strong yellow so we could decide on the exact proportions that would be acceptable in the landscape." So how does he begin the decign process? The appear of the control of th sign process? The answer comes in one word: argue. "Clients are sometimes surprised that we have nothing on paper in have a visual shorthand. Once the design



The Legal and General building at Kingswood: "monotony is neatly avoided by the treatment of the corners"

GALLERIES: John Russell Taylor takes a promenade with a 'petit maître'

A minor master on the beach



"Infinitely variable play of sunshine and cloud, wind and calm": The Beach at Trouville - the Empress Eugenie by Eugene Boudin

fixed approach to the categorisation of artists that does not necessarily do even their own any good. However much an artist such as Eugene Boudin may be admired, on a certain level, he can never quite escape the damning with faint praise implicit in the label, "Petit Maitre". Earlier this year, Honfleur, his birth place, came up with an enormous show (more than 300 works) detailing every aspect of his career. Obsti-nately, it was confined to Honfleur. The Louvre, which owns an unri-valled collection of Boudin sketches and works on paper, declined to take the show on: perhaps the thinking was that he was, after all, only a petit maitre, so why, except for local pride, should anyone be really interested?

Happily, where Paris failed. Glasgow has stepped in. Following the Burrell Collection principle of expanding, for its loan shows, on artists already strongly represented

has organised, and written the lively and scholarly catalogue for. Boudin at Trouville. As the title implies, this concentrates entirely on one aspect of Boudin's work, and thereby gains immensely in sharpness of focus. The geographi-cal limitation to the fashionable resort of Trouville does not mean a chronological limitation also, since Boudin worked along quite a short stretch of the Normandy coast throughout his working life, with only occasional forays to Paris, Holland and elsewhere. Not only that, but the beach at

in the collection, Vivien Hamilton

Trouville provides the scene for most of Boudin's most famous paintings. If people remember anything about Boudin, apart from that he discovered signs of talent in a 15-year-old schoolboy caricaturist called Monet, and encouraged him to take up painting, it is a fleeting image of Second Empire glamour, crinolines on the plage against a sky and sea. This was indeed one of his favourine recurrent subjects. with the advantage of being ready to hand, congenial to a painter whose main interest was the play of light and shade, and readily sale-

The Honfleur show indicated that Boudin was a much more versatile painter than normally supposed. The Glasgow show brings us back to the core of his work, and intensifies response without diminishing overall regard.
Together, the pictures show a

systematic exploration, from the 1860s to the 1890s, of how what is essentially the same stock of basic components will be affected by differing weathers and minimal regroupings. The period charm of the society scenes remains intact, but attention is diverted from the topical anecdote to what really interests Boudin, the infinitely variable play of sunshine and cloud,

many "ciel d'orage" pictures that it is tempting to repeat George VI's alleged commiserations with John Piper over the unfortunate amount of romantically overcast weather he seemed to have encountered while painting Windsor. At least the fashionable crowds of Boudin's Trouville, though possibly shiver-ing on the shore, must have had many a visual feast if they had eyes

There is a freshness and directness, a sensitivity to the passing moment which mark him as far more than a worthy predecessor. Most of the full-blown Impressionists, most of the time, could not reliably do any better. If Boudin is a painter need to be recognised as a

 Boudin at Trouville continues at The Park. Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, until February 28 (closed Dec 25-Jan 1).

Steaming into Chalk Farm from Manchester, with a little luck

North", as the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester is sometimes known, is set for an expansionist period in 1993. Initially thwarted in its attempt to buy the Round House in Chalk Farm as a London "outpost", the theatre is now in negotiation with the Round House's new owners. If these 20 well, several of next season's productions could move south, bringing at least two gilt-edged performers to Chalk Farm.

Tom Courtenay (see photograph below) is slated to appear with the company in a new piece by the prolific Ronald Harwood: Poison Pen, inspired by the shadowy career of Philip Heseltine, the 1930s music critic who wrote music under the name Peter Warlock. And Vanessa Redgrave who took a fine production of Ibsen's Lady from the Sea from the Royal Exchange to the Round House 15 years ago — will be seen in Maybe, a play about McCarthy-ism by the Russian dramatist Mikhail Shatrov. The plays will open in Manchester on May 13

 UNKNOWN Mozart to be pre-OUNKNOWN Mozart to be premiered? Up to a point, Lord Copper. The "first public performance in modern times" of a Mozart quartet in E flat for piano, violin, viola and cello will take place at the Wigmore Hall this Saturday, played by the chamber group Domns. But the music may seem familiar to Mozart-lovers, for it is more other than Mozart's it is none other than Mozart's celebrated Quintet for Piano and Wind, R452, in another guise. Published as a quartet two years after Mozart's death, it was only brought out in its now familiar

quintet version six years later.
Why was the quartet version subsequently overlooked? Heinz Liebrecht, who has supervised a new edition, believes that an ambinew edition, believes mar an amb-guous remark by Mozart's wife, Constanze — that the quartet's publication was done without Mo-zart's "Zuthum" ("participation") — may have blighted the piece in the eyes of musicologists. The quartet is said to have substantial differences from the quintet.

Courtauld cash

A BRITISH arts institution has been awarded the largest grant made by the J. Paul Getty Grant

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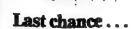
demand all over the world. Recent projects have included work on late Byzantine wall paintings in Cyprus and a joint project with English Heritage on 13th



century wall paintings in Chester Castle. The Courtauld director, Michael Kaufimann, called the award "a magnificent contribution" which will go into a faculty endowment fund.

● THE winner of this year's Mobil Playwriting Competition is Simon Burke, a 31-year-old Northumbrian. He has written several dramatic pieces for television, among them two series of Chancer, but never before for the stage. His prize is a cheque for £15,000 and the promise of a

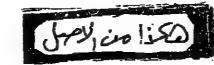
Production at the Mathematics Production at the Mathematics of the Mat residence in the house of a security man. The runners-up, each of whom gets £8,000, are Phyllis Nagy for Disappeared, about a thrift-shop worker who adopts the personae of the people whose castoffs he sells, and Colin Sharp for Halfway, a comedy about people struggling towards normality in a "halfway house".



SOME groups coast to stardom, but for the road-hardened Faith No More it has been a case of Everest the hard way. Convened in San Francisco ten years ago, their aberrant heavy-metal sound incorporated all sorts of odd extras (such as rap) long before such fusions were fashionable. The pieces finally fell into place in 1990, with the success of their single "Epic". Touring to promote their estimable album Angel Dust, they are accompanied by female grunge-rockers L7, finishing with dates at Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-226 4679) tonight, tomorrow and Friday; and Sheffield Arena (0742-565 500) on Saturday.



Tom Courtenay in The Misanthrope at the Round House, 1981



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Wartsid, 14 Graffon Street, W1 (071-493 1141). Delly, 11am-5pm, opens today until Dec 15

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KENDAL: The Royal Shakespeare Company's touring production of Hichard III, starring Simon Pussel Seale and directed by Sam Mendes. South Lafastered Leiseure Centre, Burton Road (0539 72511) Tonight-Set, 7 30pm, mars Wed, Set, 1.30pm. LIVERPOOL: The young Japanese conductor Jun'ichi Hirokami conducts the Royal Liverpool Philinermonic in an all-Tchaikovsky programme

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OUR SONG PARK O'Track in Kelin Waterhouse's play about a menopeusel male's infatuation with a young womain. Neatly done though whe crity hear the man's point of view.

Apollo, Shafesbury Avenue, W1 (071-484 5070), Mon-Fri, 8 18pm, Set, 8pm and 8 48pm.

LI HADRO THRES: Tony Sistery in a fur hip down Memory Lane, set in wartime Broadcasting House, bureting with sprightly Noel Gey numbers. Guesen's, Sheftssbury Avenue, Wi (071-494-5040). Mon-Pri, 7.30pm, Sat, åpm, mate Thurs, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm, 160mins.

THREE SIRIOS ALIQHITING ON A

comprising the Second Symphony, Pisno Concerto No 1 (with Mertin Rosope) and Francesca din Rhintin Philhamonic Heal, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-708 3789), 7-30pm

MANCHESTER: The heady days of rock in roll are relived with The Glients of Rock in Roll, testuring Little Richard, Jany Lee Laws, Bobby Vee and the Ricochettes, Duane Eddy, Lloyd Price, Chris Montez, Johnny Preston and Lotte Evs. G-Max, Menchester (061-632 9000), 7010.

MANCHESTER: A program of any 17th-century italian music by Montevent, Ciria, Senose, Fonts and Sigismondo d'india performed by soprance Emena Kiriday and Evelyn Tubb with the player Antihorry Rooley. Royal Narchern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504), 7.00,cm.

STRATFORD-LIPON-AVOIN: Following the publication of Charles Nichol's book The Reckering, a lascinating investigation into the marter of Christopher Martow 400 years ago, the playwright is the subject of a Peter Whelen play. The School of Night. The play is currently in the Royal Shalesspeare Company reparticle with Rochard McCabe playing Merlowe under the direction of 88 Alexander.

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WORCESTER: The Betile of Worcester is a show of civil wer treasures from the Royal Amour'ss in the Commandery, Carles if a headquarters during the Betile of Worcester, and The Cby Museum. Sponsored by The Times. The CBy Museum and Art Gallery, Foregate Street (1905 25371). Mon-Wand Fn, 9.30em-Spm, Sat, 9.30em-Spm, Until Jen 3.

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The Royalty, Portugal Street (of Kingsway), WC2 (071-494 5020), Macbath - tonight-Set, 7.30pm, mets today, tomorrow, 2.30pm, 130mins,

RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery in a

EITHE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alson Steadmen and Jane Horocks in Jim Cathinght's play about a sity gld escaping hir naucous mother, ingenious but incredible. Aldreych, Aldwych, WC2 (971-838 8404). Mon-Bat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cated, John Welle Stehand V. Cadel, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 28 parts, mele and female, in Gles Havergal's murvelious edisposition of Gallium

Wyndhem's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, Sprin, Sat, 8.15pm, mate Wed, Sprin, Sat, Sprin, 140mins.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆)

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HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Whody Allen's best film in years, a lecerating tele of collapsing New York marriages. Stars Allen, Ma Farrow, Judy Davis, Liam Nesson, Julietze Lewis, MGIM Perston Street (071-930 0831) Minema (071-235 4225) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Renoi:

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This is one for adulators only



Jason Donovan, pictured here before shedding his sparkly jacket, on stage in Birmingham during his first British tour for two years

head", that he had obsessions, that he had abandoned the belief he once held the seemed as genuine a choice as his choice of his political road. By the time

he had never believed you could have . Tolstoy would have liked the song's

FOR anyone like myself, who has seen him interviewed in print and on television and has been encouraged to the conclusion that he is a thoroughly likeable, well-balanced sort of chap, the experience of watching Jason Dono-van perform to a live audience may come as a shock. Likeable and wellbalanced he may still be, but he also gives the impression of being outrageously, even monumentally vain.

Egotism is hardly an unknown element among male performers but the subtext here, barely concealed and oft-repeated, was "aren't I gorgeous?". Jason's peacock parade very quickly became tiresome. "You're right you're a good-looking guy," one felt impelled to reassure him some two minutes into the evening. "Now forget the posturing and get on with the

He wouldn't have heard though: the teen-scream factor is still deafeningly high at a Donovan concert, long before he takes the stage too. Gamely, I tried to prepare myself for the main event by reading the programme — a publica-tion which, with the wisdom of hindsight, could be said to have carried a subliminal warning of all that was to come. Here was a picture of Jason barefoot on a beach; a picture of Jason langhing, shades on, shirt undone; a picture of Jason looking cold — silly him, no shirt at all. But it was to take the arrival of the man himself to signal the transition to narcissism-a-go-go.

The histrionic, self-regarding tone to Donovan's act established itself quickly: he attacked the chorus to only his second song, "R.S.V.P.", from a curi-ously unpenitent kneeling position, the sort which most artists would save for the encore. Sensibly, given the amount of time he was to find himself on the floor, often in positions that would make sirens from Eartha Kitt to Madonna blush with embarrassment, he was revealed to be wearing durable leather breeches.

It was his on-off relationship with his jacket, however, which provided the evening's main dramatic tension. The "will he won't he?" teasing took up at

Toistoy — At War and Peace, Apart from the silly title, it is quite an amiable

and informative account of Tolstoy's life. Unfortunately, by using passages

from Tolstoy's novels as approximate

illustrations of his life, it completely undermines the novels themselves.

Events that are brimming with drama

in the careful architecture of War and

Peace are reduced to mere watercolour

decorations when plucked out and

transferred in this way. "You're not

doing it my way," Tolstoy could fairly

Over on Radio 5, two new children's

Birmingham NEC

least half of the 100-minute set, inducing "off, off, off" chants from a crowd mostly too young to know better When the sparkly garment finally hit the boards, the heart sank with the sudden realisation that the same rigmarole would begin in relation to the shirt. Suffice to say. Donovan ended the evening in a stomach-revealing singlet of minimal proportions.

The music? There were few of the Stock, Aitken and Waterman ditties with which he first made the transition from soap hero to pop star, so placing more emphasis on new material and pretty but lifeless covers of vintage hits such as "Rhythm of the Rain", "Sealed

with a Kiss" and "Happy Together".

"Here's a song about the world, about life, about people, about the social environment," he said importantly at one point. It turned out to be Nik Kershaw's "Oxygen" in a particularly leaden arrangement. Yet despite back projections of planets and lunar landscapes and his own momentous introduction, it was used as yet another musical excuse for a series of would-be heroic postures.

There is no pleasure to be had in reporting so negatively about a young and popular performer's first British tour in two years. But there is no escaping the fact that this was a spectacularly self-indulgent evening, a cartoon of a pop concert. The "Mission of Love" tour is really just "Jason Through The Looking Glass": a series of poses casually linked by music.

Leaving the National Exhibition

Centre, walking past the Jason mugs and bandannas and baseball caps and scarves and T-shirts and posters piled high on the stalls of the official merchandisers, one felt relieved to encounter different faces, those of the patient, smiling parents waiting to transport their Donovan-sated offspring safely home.

Tebbitt, child of the war and later a BOAC pilot, ought to enjoy Conrad's Chingford man's choice strikes true blue note RADIO REVIEW: Lord Tebbit as a castaway, a

War on Monday evenings, a three-part adaptation of Andrew Davies's book about a small boy who longs to fight in the second world war and — is it dream, is it true? — manages to do so. Young Conrad has become a bomberpilot by the end of episode one. The delicate elisions between dream and mundane reality are as well handled as the transitions between the excitement of war and its grimmer consequences, which Conrad has to learn about Daniel Street-Brown is excellent as the young hero, and the combination of thrills and comedy deserves to lure children away from the telly to the ghetto-blaster. Also, every evening this week, there is a Professor Branesiawa story very well read by Dinsdale Lansden. The professor differs slightly from Byron, as Caroline Lamb described him: he is mad, good and

dangerous to know. DERWENT MAY

equality if you really wanted fairness. sentiments, too. He is the hero of a new Over on Radio 5, two new children's Musically it was also satisfying. Wednesday night series on Radio 4. programmes are coming on strong. CONCERT: Hilary Finch on the unfolding of a majestic cycle of Sibelius symphonies

complain.

life of Tolstoy and some children's books

A WEEK ago, Sir Colin Davis was awarded the Order of the Lion of Finland, Commander First Class. The honour is richly deserved. In the second concert of his Sibelius cycle with the London Symphony Orchestra, Sir Colin built on the depth of perception and breadth of vision he had shown in

WHAT a resounding chord Frank

Sinatra struck with his performance of the song "My Way". It is always being

chosen as a favourite record — both by

the better kind of egotist and the worst.

It has an understandable appeal both

There it was again as a choice of Lord Tebbit's in Desert Island Discs

(Radio 4) on Sunday, which I thought

was a classic example of what the programme should be. Sue Lawley did

not shirk from bringing up the familiar

insults and charges that have been made against Tebbit: that he was very

rightly, not an inquisitorial programme, and Tebbit parried all these

thrusts with great good humour. Youth, he said, should be presumptu-

ous; he had views, not obsessions; and

for honourable men and bullies.

The Fifth and Sixth symphonies, like the First and Third before them, worked from the inside of the score outwards: feeling first for the circula-tory system of each movement, sensing every change of pulse, and pacing its energies with an ease which made wonderful sense (particularly in the case of the Sixth) of the inevitability of

Convincing to the Finnish each movement's

extinction. On this base, Sir Colin provides air

and space enough to revel in not only the transparency of Sibelius's string writing but its luminosity. This quality it seemed, by the inner energy of the is his prime consideration.

because it recorded an education. We

heard the first piece of classical music

that Tebbit enjoyed, the 1812 overture,

something from the first opera he went to, Don Carlos, and then later favourites by Verdi, Holst, Beethoven.

he had picked the book he would take

with him - Churchill's History of the

English-Speaking Peoples - he must

have persuaded many listeners that he

had done right to go "my way".

Where highly acclaimed recent interpreters (nearer to Sibelius's home in letter if not in spirit) seem intoxicated by the rhythmic profile of the composer, Davis returns to the texture and the innermost melodic voice of the music.

LSO/Davis

of the Sixth Sym-phony all but treewheeled. Instead of

preceding movements.

The LSO's performance of the Fifth
Symphony, which acted as grand
finale to the Barbican's highly successful Sibelius day, resisted the temptation to become mere epic. However mighty the striding horns of the last movement (and here, their entry achieved rare and perfect balance in time and space) it was what went before that will 🗚 remain indelibly in the memory.

Specifically, there was the masterly building and release of tension in the first movement, from the smallest to the largest unit, and throughout there was Sibelius's cornucopia of themes and ideas. And above all there were the variations of the second movement, which became metamorphoses in Da-

vis's hands.

Next Sunday, to mark the 75th anniversary of Finnish independence, Sir Colin and the LSO turn to the Kullervo Symphony. Cancel all prior engagements.

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The Royal Ballet is celebrating Christmas with the works of Sir Frederick Ashton.

But, asks Debra Craine, is it doing enough to preserve the Ashton legacy?

ography has very few true geniuses. By the time you mention Petipa, Ivanov, Bournonville, Fokine and Balanchine, the list is running out. But not quite: there is still Sir Frederick

For more than 50 years, Ashton was the choreographic touchstone of British ballet and the face of our national ballet abroad. Yet ever since his death in 1988, his star has been quietly fading. His works are still presented at Covent Garden, of course in the 1989-90 season there

were three; the following year four, and last season there were five works by the Royal Ballet's founder choreographer. This season there are just three: all of them part of the Christmas schedule at the Royal Opera House. On Friday, a

new double bill will bring together The Dream, Ashton's poetic distillation of Shakespeare's A

Midsummer Night's Dream, with the first stage performance of his 1971 ballet film, Tales of Beatrix Potter. On December 23, his full-length Cinderella returns to the repertoire. And that's it for the rest of the

Some would say this is not much of an airing for the man who choreographed about 80 ballets and defined the Royal style. Covent Garden's sister company, Birmingham Royal Ballet, also has Ashton works in its repertoire, but since his death has presented only six of them. Even more worrying.

The world of ballet chore- many of Ashton's unperformed works are in danger of being lost forever if efforts are not made soon to retrieve them.

Anthony Dowell, the Royal Ballet's artistic director, says there are reasons why the Ashton repertoire was overlooked following his death. "I think that's inevitable," he explains. "I had a living principal choreographer in Kenneth Mac-Millan and I wanted to get as much from him as I could in the time available. The living have a voice and they keep things alive. We wanted to get as many new works from Ken-

eth in the short time, as it turned out, that was left to us."

Sadly, Mac-Millan died in October on the opening night of the revival of his Mayerling. So what will happen to Ashton's legacy with MacMillan gone?

To a large extent that depends on the Covent Garden audiences, now that

box-office considerations have become paramount in setting the artistic agenda. Cinderella is a traditional Christmas offering at the Opera House, even though it is not as popular with audiences as The Nutcracker, while Tales of Beatrix Potter - with Peter Rabbit. Mrs Tiggy-Winkle and a supporting cast of forfly bunnies — is, predictably, selling very fast. But, generally speaking, it is not easy to sell ashton to sudiences who prefer the 19th operator Province description description. the 19th-century Russian classics.

The irony is that while audiences at the Opera House are lukewarm, abroad Ashton is a hot ticket,



Sir Frederick Ashton (left), and, above, his perfect distillation of Shakespeare: Anthony Dowell, Antoinette Sibley and Alexander Grant as Bottom in The Dream

especially in America. And foreign promoters routinely ask for his works to be included whenever the Royal Ballet tours overseas.

According to Dowell "there is always a place and time where the world wants the escapism and beauty" that Ashton offers. However, most of Ashton's works are oneacters, a form notoriously difficult to sell at Covent Garden. Even his splendid 1948 Scènes de ballet, set to Stravinsky, shamefully failed to achieve big box office when it was presented in the 1990-91 season. Still, those all-important budget

considerations permitting. Dowell has a couple of Ashton revivals up his sleeve: "I want to get Daphnis and Chloe back." But future revivals will have to be chosen judicious-"We have to consider whether

they would really work on these dancers and where we are in 1992," he says. "We need to find a balance of going down memory lane where it is also good for Fred's memory and also for the artists here, too. Besides, he wasn't always happy to see his work revived. I had a battle royal with him over

Ondine; he was very worried about it being seen again." The 1988 revival of Ondine, just months before the choreographer's death, was one of Dowell's most important achievements in his six years as artistic director. Yet, despite the fact that it is a full-length narrative ballet, Ondine, too, failed to sell at the box office in the kind of

large numbers Swan Lake gets.
Along with audiences, some of today's dancers also have a problem identifying with Ashton's spe-cial qualities. Now more versed in the exhaustive physicality and dramatic abandon demanded by the works of MacMillan, they no longer possess the technical modesty and sense of style needed to do Ashton justice. He came from a world in which ladies wore white gloves and right-waisted frocks; in his ballets, women — as exemplified by Margot Fonteyn — were elegant, mysterious and alluring,

never flashy technicians.

"I think that a lot of young dancers today do not have the chic and style he required," says Bruce Sansom, the Royal's leading male interpreter of the Ashton repertoire. "In the past style and chic were more inherent in dancers. People

could be much more individual

OPERA: Bellini at the New York Met; Massenet in Manchester; and rare Sibelius in London

and still be part of a group. "There is much more jole de vivre within his choreography that's slightly gone now and that's a shame. Dancers need to be encouraged to enjoy it. I see the facility today to dance his work but I don't necessarily see the desire." Dancers also do not see the

definitive Ashton interpreters in action: Fonteyn is dead; Antomette Sibley, Lynn Seymour and Dowell have all stopped dancing the roles they created, although they are coaching a new generation of Ashton interpreters.

He was so utterly musical, so very warm, he dealt with the heart all the time," says Sibley, who is coaching The Dream, in which she created the role of Titania in 1964. "And he was about purity. He

pared everything down like a perfume: you got just the essence of it. And even if he was telling of an unhappy or awkward situation it still came through as something beautiful, never ugly. His work was

so elegant, so charming." Nicola Roberts, who is dancing both Titania and Cinderella, believes his charm and quaintness are qualities that audiences can still respond to. Ballets like Mayerling are heavy: they're about real people," she says. "Ashton is much more about a fantasy world. His work is like going to the movies — a world complete in itself. It touches you, but you won't go away drained."

The Dream and Tales of Beatrix Potter opens at the Rayal Opera House (071-240 1066) on Friday

ing a first-rate conductor, and David Lloyd-Jones filled the

bill admirably. He secured

liquid and eloquent playing

from the orchestra, and coaxed brilliant sounds from the chorus, well trained by

Brian Hughes. Several soloists had trouble with the French and others

were a touch insecure in their

intonation, but Sara Fulgoni was truly magisterial in the title role, with a powerful voice

and a charismatic stage pres-

ence Craig Smith as her

father gave the most rounded

performance of the evening:

tender and eloquent with every

detail in place. Stephen Chaundy was a Prince Charming who showed some irresistible tenor colours.

though the role was not quite right for his voice, which showed signs of strain. Kath-leen Wilkinson was a deft Stepmother, well supported by the Ugly Sisters of Marianne

Joseph and Claire Bradshaw.

And events were delightfully

controlled by the fetching

stratospheric roulades of Lou-

TELEVISION REVIEW

Bed and circuses

ny daughter who, through no fault of her own, is unfortunate enough to inherit the facial features of Leonid Brezhnev probably has a right to regard ife as a continuation of revenge by other means. Galina Brezhnev looks like Leonid with blue cyeshadow and a

ponytail. Even so, what should we make of last night's First Tuesday: Brezhnev's Daughter (ITV)? Was it an acute-angle insight into the grimmess and dimness of Societ life under Brezhnev? A wince-making portrait of a drunk! A freak show? A morality tale to remind us that those bullies who serew people, literally and metaphorically, eventually always get their come-uppance and then quickly realise that when they lose their clout they also lose their chuns? Probably a bit of each. Galina Brezhnev was once 30 and dressed to the nines.

Joe Joseph on the grotesque fall from grace of one of

the celebrities of Soviet communism

but now 63 and dressed by tenumakers. She is a sometime circus performer, the thricemarried star of Moscow's celebrity scene in the Sixties, when she was as thirsty for sex as her fellow Russians were for

But it was when she turned to the cameras and promised, "I'm a shy person really," that you felt that this woman had gone so far round the bend that even strong bleach couldn't reach her. Needless to say, any viewer with the slightest decency would have averted his eyes, but of course the carnival was too gruesome to

Obviously, Leonid was not the first man who could control an empire but not his daughter, a poor little rich girl who measured out her life in champagne flutes and who. like her father, cultivated yes men, but of a rather different sort. "He gave me everything," she says of her pa. "Anything I wanted! He would say for god's sake, have it!"

Such scenes of maudin remembrance, oiled by champagne brought in by the television crew (at one point she threatens to abandon film-ing if the production team fails to deliver fresh supplies), make you wonder who was the more pathetic the corrupt and blinkered father who was found in the end to have control neither of his country nor his daughter, or Galina, who had no idea how to grab happiness?

Her first two husbands were circus artistes: a strong man and a magician. Her second marriage lasted only a week. Her third hubby was jailed in Siberia. The diamond-dealing boyfriend who took his place was soon arrested by the KGB for speculating on the black

Although she has retained her fifth-floor flat in a block reserved for the old communist elite, she has been stripped of her privileges. She is a social outcast, shunned and laughed at even by her own family and friends. They nickname her 'Galka Hooliganka", Galina

"They insult me. I shake when the telephone rings. They tell me filth. They want to strangle me. I'm over 60. My teeth are all gone. But they still want to get at me."

Then the next thing you know she is sitting in the back of a black limo stugging from a vodka bottle, screaming at the cameraman: "You bas-tard, you were filming me drinking."

To think that barely a decade ago Brezhnev was still riding high and so was his daughter. Those good old days. As Yuri Belavsky, deputy editor of Rossipa, says in the programme: "Under Brezh-nev, the availability of sausage became the symbol of socialism. If there was plenty of cheap sausage, this was socialism. No sausage, no more

who tries to free her. A happy ending is snatched out of the I don't think you would find Galina disagreeing with that.

Gothic

horror shocks

any musical New Yorkers ask way ______ Met does not adventurous new productions. The answer to that question was made painfully apparent at the premiere of a provocative new staging of Lucia di Lammermoor, with June Anderson in the title role, produced by the young American director Francesca Zambello (best known to British audiences for staging the giant Tosca at Earls Court in 1991).

When Zambello (who was making her debut) and the stage designers appeared for their curtain call, the galanight audience unleashed a vicious volley of boos and carcalls, the like of which had not been heard in the house since Sir Peter Hall's infamous Macbeth ten years ago.

Zambello has conceived Lucla as a grim, Gothic psychodrama, closer in spirit to the Walter Scott novel upon which it was based than to the modern tradition of bel canto opera as a string of pretty tunes, untainted by logic or motivation. The production was set in a hallucinatory dreamscape, intended to reflect Lucia's mental torment.

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are as cogeni and original as

any in the modern period. But

such linear thinking does not

lend itself to storytelling or

So it proved with Sibelius's

only completed opera. The

Maiden in the Tower, which

the Barbican's Scandinavian

festival gave us the welcome opportunity of hearing in con-

cert form at St Giles. Cripple-gate, on Sunday night. The

work, in eight short, continu-

ous scenes lasting barely three

quarters of an hour. is a setting

of a feeble libreno by Rafael

Hertzberg, dealing with a

Maiden imprisoned in a tower

by an odious Bailiff, who also threatens the faithful Lover

Anderson's interpretation of this role has deepened and intensified. She sang with admirable flexibility and an excellent technique, and appeared to be deeply in sympa-Organic I we do not think of Sibelius as a theatrical L composer, it is for a good reason. His organically con-

John Conklin's set com-

prised fragmented bits of

Gothic architecture, tumbled

together with lumps of rock

and Victorian graveyard mon-

uments. All this was pitched at crazy angles or suspended in the air, even more chaotically as Lucia's psyche degenerated.

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air when the Maiden's Chateand her true love.

lius in 1896 (between En saga and the First Symphony), is rarely dull. But its powerful rhythms and driving ostinatos ill-serve the purpose of the libretto. The confrontation of the Maiden and Bailiff in the opening scene is set to allpurpose agitato declamation entirely unoperatic in idiom. The love duet of Scene V similarly surges along in neo-

thy with this production. As Edgardo, Richard Leech sang with a voluptuous warmth, though at times it was peril-ously close to a sob. Juan Pons was a big, brutal Enrico, singing with an ugly metallic edge that was in character with his role. Conductor Marcello Panni led the orchestra in a performance that was at once forceful, idiomatic and devoid of subtlety.

June Anderson: admirable flexibility and technique

JAMIE JAMES

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laine appears from nowhere and restores her to freedom The music, written by Sibe-

Wagnerian style (Sibelius had made his pilgrimage to Bay-reuth) without any obvious feeling for character, situation or plot

Margareta Haverinen's Maiden was a passionate soul, with a vibrant, full-blooded tone that tended towards stridency under pressure. As the Lover, Paul Harrhy also produced his best one when not singing flat out. Jonathan Veira's aptly blustering Bailiff and Christine Botes's securely sung Chatelaine completed

There is a good deal of fine, if inappropriate, choral work, rendered here ably by the New Company Choir. The Covent Garden Festival Orchestra, under Peter Ash's vigorous direction, did full justice to a score which has much of interest and value in it.

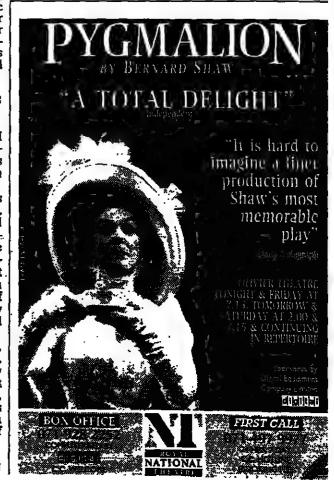
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Glowing cinders

here may be good rea-sons why Cendrillon, Massener's version of the Cinderella story, has never quite caught on. Among them is that 1899 was perhaps a bad time for serious French composers to attempt lightness of touch; and in this score Massenet rarely tries. It is hard to resist the feeling that he simply took himself too seriously for the subject.

So the director has a major problem on his hands. At the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, Stefan Janski approached it by the use of colour, particularly with an astonishingly skilled movement of large quantities of people, resourcefully lit by Philip L Edwards. He also included a troupe of dancers from the Northern Ballet School, giving a rich dimension to the opera's ballets. Richard Marks designed sets that alternate pure art nouveau with something closer to Mary Poppins and costumes that are mainly from the 18th century. There were some magical changes of scene. A student performance can benefit enormously from hav-

ise Walsh's Fairy Godmother. DAVID FALLOWS





The Smet family Brezhnev: Leonid's daughter Galina in the white blouse) is standing with her then husband

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Whether castle or council house, old homes are often fire-traps. Rachel Kelly reports on the dangers, and suggests some possible precautions

The hazard linking Queen and commoner

s the Queen and her family watched the fire blaze at Windsor Castle nearly two weeks ago, another family was contemplating the destruction of its home in

But while the Windsors live in a series of palaces, the Airlies rent a council maisonette; while repairs to Windsor Castle are estimated at £60 million, the Airlies are facing a cost of £1,000; and while Windsor Castle is so large that the royal family have been able to move into a different wing, the Airlies have been transferred to a nearby council flat to wait for their home to be redecorated.

Yet there are similarities between the two cases. Neither family, each of four children, was insured and neither was injured. Nor was there anything in law to enforce fire regulations in their home. (Legislation applies only to new buildings).

Furthermore, the two families lived in properties which meant both they and their homes were particularly vulnerable to fire.
Although statistics from the

fire brigade do not break down fires into property categories, Stewart Kidd, director of the Fire Protection Association, a group supported by the insurance companies, says that historic homes of the rich, and council or housing association property lived in by poorer members of society, are the two types of homes most likely to

Evidence from the Historic Houses Association shows that about 50 listed houses burn down every year, and another 100 are seriously damaged, although the occupants are unlikely to die because the houses are so large.

The most likely people to die in fires, Mr Kidd says, are those living in local authority housing, aged under five or over 60 years old, or disabled, or single parents, or on social security benefit.

These people are more vuinera-

in which they live," he says. "They may not, for example, be able to afford electric heaters and therefore use paraffin heaters, which are

more dangerous."

He recalls a tragedy last year where children were left locked in a room because their mother could not afford a babysitter, and per-

ished in a fire.
Although such families are more vulnerable because of their living conditions, the actual structure of their property would tend to be less at risk from fire because it was built after the second world war. The risk of fire damage to a building increases with its age. Indeed, before the first world war, most large country houses had their own fire brigades complete with miniengines pushed through the corri-

Only 61.7 per cent of British families have taken out, or are able to take out, insurance

"Older buildings do not lend themselves to fire resistance because of the common voids and spaces," Mr Kidd says, "Typically, there will be a single attic, with no divisions. In a modern building, there would be fire walls dividing

up the space." At Uppark, a stately home in West Sussex owned by the National Trust, fire flashed through the roof in August 1989. Smoke started pouring out of the southern end of the building's roof, yet within 25 minutes it had reached the other end, according to Heritage under Fire, a report produced by the UK working party on Fire Safety in Historic Buildings.

Old buildings, such as Uppark or Windsor Castle, would have been changed over the years, with new layers being inserted inside the old, often with gaps in between

view. At Windsor, there was a 6ft gap between the ceiling of St George's hall and the actual roof.

A house like Uppark would also have what Mr Kidd calls a "higher fuel load": tapestries, paintings, panelling, some of which may have been attacked by insects leaving them porous and flammable, and treated with chemical sprays, which can be highly flammable. Waxed and polished floors often mean the wax builds up, leaving a layer ready to ignite, sometimes helped by the sawdust stuffed between the floorboards for insulation, making the potential blaze even worse.

Old buildings have more sources of ignition: chimneys which are not properly lined and faulty electric

wiring, particularly wiring from pre-plastic days. Finally, the owners of very old buildings often have builders working on restoration, using heat to weld

The National Trust, owner of Uppark, has now banned any heat-producing equip-ment inside its buildings. The house was insured but the restoration cost will run to more than £13 million.

Once a fire has started, stately homes tend to be more vulnerable because they may be far from water. Uppark was built on top of a hill, so the water supply to it by means of an electrically operated borehole pump was poor.

The risks are plain. What of the recautions to protect such vulnerable buildings? The worst flashpoint for both types of building, both regal and lowly, are fires started in the kitchen, by smoking, and because of faulty electrical appliances. Cooking accidents account for 42 per cent of fires (the chip-pan fire is still common), 18 per cent are electrical and 11 per cent are smoking-related.

Apart from the obvious precautions, two sensible installations can help to protect a house smoke alarms and sprinkler systems.



Stately tinder-box: the fire at Uppark, West Sussex, in 1989. In the rebuilt house (inset) heat-producing equipment is banned

saving record. The only problem is making sure that homeowners

replace the batteries annually. Sprinklers are made up of a network of pipes at ceiling level, which incorporate a series of nozzles sealed by glass bulbs. The heat of the fire breaks the nearest bulb, which expands as the temperature

rises, to releases the water. Sprinklers could have prevented the blaze at Windsor, Mr Kidd says. But they are expensive and there is the disruption of installation to consid-

Once a fire has started, the simplest advice is to close doors, says the Fire Research Station in

Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, which duplicates household fires on theatrical sets in laboratories. By shutting the door, the fire will use up most of the oxygen in the room

and may go out.

The final precaution is insurance. The last word goes to the Association of British Insurers:

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Sadly, only 61.7 per cent of British families have taken out, or are able to take out, insurance, the Airlies and the Windsors not

Hidden faults that come with recession

The recession-hit housing market may hide a time bomb that will hit owners when they sell: faults such as dry and wet rot, rising damp and woodworm, usually exposed when a house is surveyed during a move. Homeowners are not moving

nearly as often as five years ago because of fears about job security and possible mortgage rate rises, a spokesperson for the Council of Mortgage Lenders says. More than a million people are also caught in the "negative equity" trap, owing more than their property is worth, according to the Bank of England's quarterly bulletin. It may take years for some owners to escape.

While people stay put, their homes may be deteriorating. The environment department's 1986 home condition survey for England showed that 2.9 million of the nation's 18 million homes were in disrepair. The 75,000 or more repossessed houses standing empty and neglected are particularly likely to be in a bad state.

However, the fall-off in house selling has led to an increasing number of home improvers. Last year the Halifax Building Society increased its lending for home improvements. In a survey of 1,500 borrowers, it found that 31 per cent used the money for double glazing,

David Thurlow

cautions against neglecting home

maintenance

I 6 per cent for central heating, the same number for extensions and 10 per cent for large-scale maintenance and repairs.

A spokesperson says: "It shows that people are attending to the structure of their houses. When people stay longer, they look to maintain their houses better than if they were staying for only a couple

Do-it-yourself home improvers, however, do not have the expert eye for the invisible dangers. They may spot a dripping gutter that is rotting a window sill, or the stain on a wall that is caused by an outside and visible crack, but the real hazards

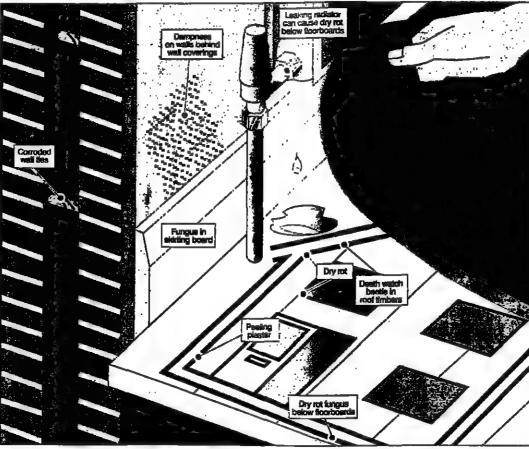
and destructors may not be visible. Ernest Cantle, a director of the National Home Improvement Council, says: "In the market's heyday, houses changed hands regularly. Every time that happened, a survey was made and the seller may have had quite a few repairs to do. If they did not do it, the building society put a retention

order on until the repairs were carried out. This does not happen when people stay put. The real worry concerns people in the mort-gage trap. They certainly will not have their homes surveyed."

The council has an answer: a scheme to have a record book for houses like the old log books for cars. Householders could do an annual check and call in a surveyor every five years or so to make a professional check. A house log would also include details of where the fuses and stopcock in the house were and how to contact the plumber, electrician and builder who were used for repairs.

Mr Cantle says that setting up the scheme would cost about £100,000 a year in advertising and newspaper publicity for the first three years. The log book would cost about £1 and once the idea caught on it would be self-financing. He says: "We have suggested this to the government but it says responsibility for the condition of a house belongs with the owner. Certainly, without funds, we cannot operate the scheme. The creeping dangers, such as dry and wet rot, rising damp and woodworm, pointing and subsidence, are invisible and expensive to overcome."

Peter Miller, the national housing spokesman for the Royal Insti-



tution of Chartered Surveyors, says more than 75 per cent of buyers have only a limited mortgage inspection. He adds: "Of those who have a more detailed housebuyer's report or survey, one in five has important structural defects." The experts' advice is to have a survey done at least every ten years. Rentokil offers a free check for

dry and wet rot, woodworm and damp course damp but charges £90 to check for wall tie failure. The council recommends a thorough inspection by a surveyor or builder. Mr Cantle says of builders who knock on the door and say some part of the building is in disrepair: They may be cowboys — or they may be right. You should ask them

to give a written quotation, then get another from a second builder and pick the best." A proper survey can cost £350 for a three-bedroom semidetached house. To find a surveyor, look in Yellow Pages for somebody with the right initials after his name, or contact the institution. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 071-222 7000

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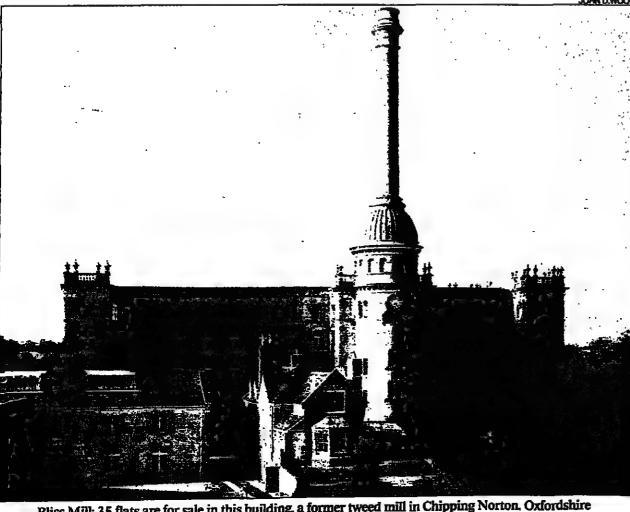
SOME of the more common hidden faults are:

Woodworm. Up in the loft or burrowing away in joists or in the floorboards under fitted carpets, they can attack old and new timbers. The holes are small but the damage can be huge. A Rentokil spokesman says that treatment or eradication of woodworm can cost £700 in a three-bedroom semi-detached if it is bad and not spotted in time.

Wall-tie corrosion. This rustinner and outer leaves of cavity walls threatens 11 million of the 20 million homes in the UK, particularly those built before 1981. If corrosion occurs, walls can buige and crack. The corrosion can last 20 years before it is obvious. unless the house is surveyed regularly. It can cost £1,800 to have corrected.

Dry and wet rot. This is caused by dampness, particularly in bathrooms where a leak is masked by a carpet. The same can happen under a radiator if the temperature is right. Dry rot can cost £1,000 to put right.

Rising damp. This comes from a defective damp-proof course and can move upwards behind the skirting boards and and wallpaper. even into the joists, and can cause dry and wet rot. Repairs can cost £600.



Bliss Mill: 35 flats are for sale in this building, a former tweed mill in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

The developer's secret of converting failure into success

hat makes for a successful conversion into flats of a stately home, or a stately mill such as Bliss Mill in the Cotswolds? The housing market is littered with failed conversions. however sympathetic in architectural terms, which reveal the two biggest problems for would-be developers of country piles: schemes that are too far from London or other big cities, and converted flats offered for sale before the development is finished. Prospective purchasers see how much money will be required, and shy off because they are worried it will never happen.

Sheffield Park, near Haywards Heath in East Sussex, was a good example. Some of the flats were finished and sold, but the developer left the less attractive ones in a shell state and few were interested. Now it is in the hands of the receivers, and the few people who did buy

are living in limbo.

Another example is the handsome
Bradfield Hall, in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. This 17th-century house has 18 acres of land with lake paddocks and land-scaped grounds and was well converted by Peter Barrett in 1990. He has sold two flats, lives in one himself and has had to let the converted cottages alongside. Bradfield Hall is just too far away from

Of the success stories, Framewood Manor in Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, with its indoor leisure centre, bowling Turning stately piles into flats which sell

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green and croquet lawn, has sold out. Northwick Park, Sherbourne House and Charlton Park, all in the Cotswolds, have sold well. Of Dene Park, a Victorian mansion near Shipbourne, Kent, Jeremy Streeten, the developer, says: "We have sold seven of the nine flats and two of the courtyard properties in the past year, which is excellent." Prices range from £250,000 to £400,000 for the remaining flats and newly built houses beside the old one. He is also building a five-bedroom house in an acre of land for £500,000.

Just on the market is Bliss Mill, a mile outside Chipping Norton. Oxfordshire. This tweed mill was put on the market five years ago by a company that later went bust. Its mistake was to complete only two show flats, leaving the rest derelict. There was interest, but nobody wanted to proceed while the building was in such a

Now Andrew Davies of Widworthy Estates has taken over. He has built a leisure complex in the Wool House, which includes indoor swimming pool, squash court, sauna, billiards room and gymnasium. Outside are two all-weather tennis courts, and in the weaving shed is covered parking for two cars per unit. A

local agent says this is a huge advantage, accounting for E30,000 of the price.

Mr Davies says: "If it does not sell, which I am sure it will, I will turn it into self-catering holiday lets."

Mr Davies seems to have got it right. The first two people who looked over the mill last weekend arranged to return for a second look. The M40 extension makes London and Birmingham easily accessible, and everything is in place, including the floodlit landscaped gardens and the fish swimming around the pond-

Security is good, which is important to international buyers who perhaps live in Hong Kong, have children at public school in Britain and want a property they can lock up and leave safely while they are abroad. The third kind of likely buyer is the early retirer who wants something comfortable with space, views and little maintenance, who will live permanently

in the property.

John D. Wood is the agent selling the 35 one, two and three-bedroom flats, two three-bedroom lodges and nine two and three-bedroom cottages. Prices range from £125,000 for a one-bedroom flat to E245,000 for a three-bedroom house in the Old Lodge and overlooking the mill

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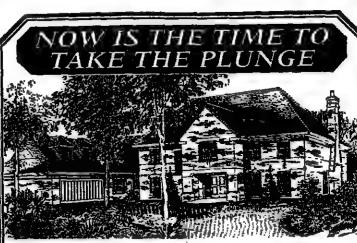
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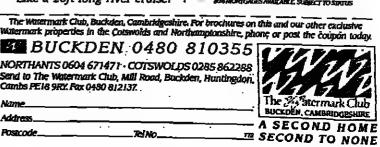
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Whether questioning is interview

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice [Judgment November 4]

Whether questioning of a suspect amounted to un interview within Note 11A of Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Practice (Revised Edition 1991) had to be considered within the framework of the officer's decision to arrest, the suspect's arrest, his arrival at the police station, notification of his right to free legal advice and the

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved iudement dismissing an appeal by Rodney William Cox against hi conviction on June 8, 1992 at sleworth Crown Court (Mr Recorder Raddiffe and a jury) of handling stolen goods and driving a conveyance taken without

Note IIA provides: "An interview is the questioning of a person regarding his involvement or susoffence or offences Objectioning a person only to obtain information or his explanation of the facts or in the ordinary course of the officer's duties does not constitute an interview for the purpose of this which is confined to the proper and effective conduct of a se

Mr Simon A. R. Smith, as-signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals for the appellant; Miss Jacqueline Marthews-Stroug JUSTICE MCCULLOUGH, giving the judg-ment of the court, said that the appeal turned on alleged breaches of the revised version of Code C.

tion treatment and questioning of persons by police officers.

Note 11A, which defined an interview, was new. The absence

the code of practice for the deten-

interview for the purposes of paragraph 11 led to the court ving to consider on numerou ons whether or not questioning in the particular circumstances constituted an interview. Note 11A in the revised Code

was intended to ease the burden of interpretation. Unfortunately it presented problems of its own. In the first place the status of Note 11A was not clear. Paragraph 1.3 of Code C provided:
The notes for guidance included are not provisions of this code, but ance to police officers and others about its application and interpretation..." Yet paragraph 11.1 on its face incorporated Note

11A into the paragraph, which raised the question of whether that particular note for guidance, as distinct forn the notes for guidance in general, had the same status as paragraph 11.1 itself.

Of greater moment, however, was the difficulty of grasping the meaning of the note. Its first sentence was clear. The second was

exception for an officer acting "in the ordinary course of his dut made nonsense of paragraph 11, since an officer conducting a formal interview with a view to obtaining evidence which might be given at court in a prosecution was acting in the ordinary course of his duties.

Presumably it was intended that an officer conducting an interview an omeer considering an interview should not, for the purposes of paragraph 11, be regarded as simply acting in the ordinary course of his duties. A strange concept. If that was the intentithe exception did nothing to tell one what was and what was not to he regarded as an intervie

The first part of the second sentence excepted "questioning a person simply to obtain informa-tion or his explanation of the facts". In formal interviews, how-

Custody extension

Regina v Maidstone Crown Court. Ex Parte Scimitz

Regina v Maidstone Crown Court, Ex parte Steinkeliner An extension of the custody time limit for 14 days was not made for good and sufficient cause as reguired by section 22(3) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, when the earliest possible trial date

was in not less than 93 days. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Tudor Evans) so held on November 11 when allowing the applications of Mr Schultz and Mr Steinkeliner for judicial review of the decision of Judge Waley, QC.

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which extended the custody time

limit by 14 days. LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that to extend the custody time limit by 14 days to enable an earlier trial date to be sought, when the court had been informed that the earliest possible date was in 93 days, was not for good and sufficient cause.

Such an order thwarted Parliament's plain insention which limited the time which could be spent in custody awaiting trial.

Judge Waley's decision, made in difficult circumstances caused by administrative problems, was unreasonable and incorrect.

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suspect for example, about a co-suspect or the whereabouts of stolen property, or to obtain the suspect's explanation for the facts, for example, how he had come into of recently stolen

It could hardly have been in-tended that interviews confined to such questions were henceforth to be outside the scope of paragraph 11. It could not credibly be suggested that after a person suspected of murder by stabbing had been arrested and taken to a police station he could be interrogated without the protection of paragraph 11 so long as every question was directed to obtaining

his explanation for the stabbing. The note did nothing to explain the distinction between a question regarding his involvement and one which simply asked him to explain why he stabbed the de-ceased. The intention could not have been to distinguish betw questions the answers to which night be given at court in a prosecution and questions the answers to which could not be so given; the caution told a suspect that whatever he said might be

used in evidence. If the intention was to distin guish between those questions directed to ascertaining whether a suspect ought to be arrested and those asked with a view to putting his answers in evidence in criminal prosecution the note did

In any event the protection of paragraph 11 only came into play once the decision to arrest had been taken: see the opening words of paragraph | 1.1. If the intention was to except from the protection of paragraph 11 questions in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 11.1(a), (b) and (c) there was no need to except them again by means of the note. Paragaph

11.1(a). (b) and (c) achieved it all. What was immediately clear upon a comparison of the original the revised version of paragraph 11 was that in no respect had the protection given to sus-pects by paragraph 11 been dimin-ished. On the contrary it had been strengthened, the most notable change being the introduction of peragraphs 11.1 and 11.2.

it would be remembered that provisions elsewhere in the code required that a person brought to a police station under arrest had to be informed of his right to tree legal advice and that, apart from certain clearly defined circumstances, a person who asked for such advice might not be inter-viewed until he received it.

What those provisions, taken

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Those provisions differed, although not materially for present purposes, between the original and revised versions: see paragraphs 3

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other than in exceptional circumstances, the order of events contemplated by the revised code was: decision to arrest; arrest arrival at police station; notification of right to free legal advice (if that was desired); interview (with a reminder of the right to free legal of the interview).

It was against that framework that one asked, in any given set of circumstances, whether or not the questioning amounted to an

The court hesitated to give the guidance which counsel hoped it might provide. Circumstances varied. There might be competing

Paragraph 11.10 provided that the person interviewed should be given the opportunity to read the interview record and sign it as

There were strong grounds for saying that the sooner such a note was shown to the suspect the better: fresher would be his recolled tion and the less would be the chance of his denying what he had so recently said. The shorter the interval the harder it was to allege that the note was of a conversation that never took place

On the other hand, if it was expected that a solicitor would on arrive, the better course might be to wait until he came. The suspect would then have the advantage of being able to take egal advice. The fewer the occasions when an

investigating officer and a suspect spoke together in the absence of a solicitor and without the conversation being tape-recorded the harder it was for a suspect to allege that the officer used the sion to act improperly Which course was to be taken

had to be for the judgment of the officers involved. Fairness should be the guide.

What could, however, be said with clarity was:

I if such note had, for whatever on, not been shown to the suspect prior to the arrival of his solicitor, fairness both to the suspect and to the police themselves, required that it be shown to him in presence of his solicitor.

2 If such a note had been shown to the suspect before the arrival of the solicitor, fairness to both sides required that the solicitor be informed of the facts when he

Where the court concluded that the police had acted less than fairly the chances that the evidence of the conversation noted would be exciuded would be materially In the instant case the proviso

applied and the appeal was Solicitors: CPS, Isleworth.

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Political restrictions are lawful

National and Local Government Officers Association v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Russell and Lord Justice [Judgment November 26]

Local authority officers in politi-cally restricted posts were lawfully restricted in their political activities by the Local Government Officer (Political Restrictions) Regulations (SI 1990 No 851), made under section 1(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the applicants, the National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO), from the decision of Mr Justice Hutchison, dated Decem-ber 20, 1991 whereby, in judicial review proceedings, he refused to grant them a declaration that the 1990 Regulations were unlawful. 1990 Regulations were unlawful ultra vires and of no effect.

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Adrian Lynch for NALGO; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Robert Jay for the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that Part 1 of the 1989 Act contained provisions relating to, inter alia, the members, officers and staff of local authorities. Section I imposed restrictions on a person holding a politically restricted post from becoming or remaining a member of a local

Section 2 listed those regarded as holding politically restricted posts which included the most enior officers in a local authority, those earning salaries above a specified level and those whose work involved the giving of regular advice to the local authority or speaking on behalf of the local authority to journalists or

It was accepted that the restric-tions imposed by Part I of the Schedule to the 1990 Regulations were valid, but it was argued that Parts II and III were ultra vires and void.

It was argued by the union that the court was entitled to test the validity of Paris II and III of the 1990 Regulations, which invafundamental rights to freedom of expression, by reference to the principles ensurined in article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The right approach, it was

submitted, was to consider whether the restrictions imposed were necessary in a democratic

What was the relevance of article 10 of the European Convention in judicial review proceedings?

The speeches in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind [1991] | AC 696) revealed different approaches.

The following principles relevant to an application for judicial review of a government minister's decision could be extracted from

I Article 10 was not part of domestic law and a court when reviewing the decision of a min-

ister would not interfere with it on the ground that he did not have rd to the provisions of article

damental human rights including damental numan rights including freedom of expression were being restricted, the minister would need to show that there was an im-portant competing public interest which was sufficient to justify the

3 The primary judgment as 10 whether the competing public interest justified the particular restriction was for the minister. The court was only entitled to exercise a secondary judgment by asking whether a reasonable minister, on the material before him. could reasonably make that primary judgment.

4 As the law stood at present it was dear that although the minister was required to justify the restriction imposed by reference to an important and sufficient competing public interest the court, when reviewing the minister's decision, was not entitled to lower the

threshold of unreasonablen In his Lordship's judgment the provisions of article 10 did not sist the union.

It was also argued that the 1990 Regulations were disproportionate in that they offended the principle of proportionality. It was clear that certain cases where, for exampie some rule of Community law had to be applied directly, an English court would measure the validity of a domestic regulation by reference to the principle of proportionality.

It was also clear that a principle akin to the principle of propor-tionality would be applied in cases where an appellate court was considering the exercise of a judicial discretion or the appro-priateness of a particular penalty. t was less clear whether, and if so what circumstances, a court

could apply the principle of proportionality when it was exercising the function of judicial review and when there was no tive rule of Community law by which the relevant decision was

In the light of the decision in Brind, his Lordship was quite satisfied that it was not open to a court below the House of Lords to depair from the traditional Wednesbury grounds of reasonableness (1948) 1 KB 223) when reviewing the decision of a minister who had exercised a discretion vested in him by Parlisment

On the other hand there was much to be said for the view that all the courts in the European Community should apply common standards in the field of administrative law.

In time the English courts would become familiar with the principle of proportionally and in cases involving the judicial review of decisions made below government level the lack of proportionality might be recognised as a separate ground for intervention.

His Lordskip saw greater difficulty in applying the principle of
proportionality to the decisions of

government ministers. The constitutional balance in the country between the courts and the executive was a delicate one.

The principle of proportionality allowed the decision maker a margin of appreciation but his Lordship did not understand that that covered so many degrees of latitude as that that afforded by the traditional Wednesbury doctrine. As the law stood at present his Lordship had no hesitation in saying that on the facts of the present case there was no basis for owering the threshold of un-

reasonableness. Another argument advanced on behalf of the union was that the 1990 Regulations were invalid

which were not solely restrictions on political activities but also prevented or restricted activities which were "deemed" to be political activities or was levilal tracle union activi

Several submissions were vanced on behalf of the union in support of the arguments (a) that the 1990 Regulations were invalid even by the Wednesbury test and (b) that by preventing or restricting legitimate trade union activities they went outside the policy and purpose of the 1989 Act.

These submissions included: 1 That local government employ-ees had in the past been able to provide impartial advice and there was no pressing need for the

2 That the restrictions were expressed in terms which were essarily broad 3 That because wide language was

used many non-political activities including charitable activities and That it was unreasonable to impose those terms on existing officers who had entered into

contracts of employment on a different basis.
His Lordship was unable to accept those submissions. It was sufficiently clear that the 1990 Regulations were designed to restrict activities by senior local government officers which, judged by an objective standard, affected

public support for a particular political party.
In his Lordship's judgment the
1990 Regulations did not offend
any of the criteria laid down in
Wednesbury nor did they conflict with the policy or purpose of the

Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Rose agreed. Solicitors: Bruce Piper & Co;

Relevant time of intent in aggravated burglary

Regina v Kelly (R. P.) Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment November 25] When determining whether a charge of aggravated burglary under section 10(1)(b) of the Their an offensive weapon, the relevant time for consideration was when the their actually occurred.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Ronnie Peter Kelly, aged 24, against conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Recorder Crespi, QC and a jury) of an offence under section 10(1)(b), for which he was sentenced to six years

The appellant had used a large sudriver to break into a house, in which he was handling a video occupier and a woman. The appeliant produced the screwdriver from his trouser pocket and, in

order to enforce compliance with his orders to unplug the video recorder and hand over the remote control, he prodded the occupier in the stomach with it.

He left the house with the screwdriver and video recorder in his hands when he was arrested He pleaded guilty to burglary but was convicted of aggravated burgiary.

Section 10 provides "(1) A person is guilty of aggravated burglary if he commits any burglary and at the time has with him any ... weapon of offence ... (b) weapon of offence, means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to or incapacitating a person, or intended by the person having it with him for such a

Mr Michael Cousens, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Malm Fortune for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE POTTS, giving the judgment of the court, said that

the only issue on appeal was whether, for the offence charged to be established, the prosecution had to prove that the appellant had the weapon with him with intent to cause injury before the occasion to use the weapon had arisen.

The relevant time at which the prosecution had to prove that the appellant had an offensive weapon with him was when he actually

The screwdriver became an offensive weapon on proof that he intended to use it for causing injury to, or incapacit occupier or the woman at the time of the theft, thereby aggravating the burgiary.

That construction of section 10(1)(b) followed from its clear language and was consistent with

A ruling by the recorder and his direction to the jury accurately and succinctly 8 The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: CPS, Central Courts.

Accepting surrender of licence

Drury and Another v Seun-

thorpe Licensing Justices Refore Lord Justice McCowan and

Judgment 11 Novemberi A licensing committee could accept the surrender of a justices' licence only where either (i) the existing licence was subject to a condition which the licensee wished to have removed or (ii) the licensee wished to open premises elsewhere and offered to surrender one or more

existing licences for other premises

in the same licensing area. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by way of case stated brought by Mr Robert Arthur Daly and Samuel Smith Old Brewery (Tadcaster) Lid against the decision of Scunthorpe Licensing Justices to accept surrender of a justices' on-licence in respect of Berkeley Hotel, Don-caster Road, Scumhorpe by the licence holder, Mr David Poskitt, who had been suspended for alleged irregularities in his

management of the hotel. Mr Poskitt purported to surren-der his licence by delivering a letter to that effect to the clerk to the

Mr John Hugill, QC, for the appellants: Mr lan Burnett as amicus curiae; the justices did not appear and were not represented. MR JUSTICE ROCH said that

the questions which arose were whether (i) a justices licence could be surrendered and (ii) if it could, how and in what circumstances? There was considerable interest in the licensing trade in the appear because the purported surrender of the licence by a dismissed or suspended hotel or public house manager was becoming all too frequent. The consequence was that the sale of intoocants at the

premises had to stop.
Further, the remedy suggested by the justices in the present case, the manely the placing of the licence in the names of two people, although acceptable to the Scunthorpe Licensing Justices was not acceptainty. able to many other licensing

Both counsel were agreed that the Licensing Act 1964. as amended by the Licensing Act 1988, no longer contained any provision relating to the surrender of a justices' licence.

If the course were to decided that there was no power to surrender an existing justices' licence in any circumstances, many such licences would be liable to be declared invalid because they were purport-edly granted on the surrender of an existing licence in respect of the

Surrenders were regularly made when application was made to justices for a new licence in two

First, where the existing licence for the premises was subject to a condition which the licensee wished to have removed. The only way that could be achieved was by the grant of a new licence which did not commin the condition.

Second, where the licensee or the owners of the premises wished to open premises elsewhere and in making application for the grant of a new licence offered to surren-der one or more existing licences for other premises in the same licensing area.

In those circumstances the practice had been for the justices, if they decided to grant the new licence, to accept the surrender of the old licence. In his Lordship's judg-ment the practice of surrendering

new one in those two situations was too well established and had been recognised either expressly or implicitly by too many courts for it now to be said that such a practice was unlawful. Other situations could not be

dealt with by way of surrender but were covered by section 8 of the 1964 Act dealing with transfers; section 10 dealing with protection orders and section 20A dealing with revocation. Revocation could be applied for

by any person, which had to include the licensee himself. Thus if the owners of premises suspended or dismissed a licensee suspended or dismissed a licensee and did not co-operate in the immediate transfer of the licence so that the licensee was relieved of his obligations under the licensee and the licensing laws, the dismissed or suspended licensee could apply for the licensee to be revoked. It might well be that such owners of the premises to co-

owners of the premises to co-ODErate_ Lord Justice McCowan agreed. Solicitors: Cobbett Leak Almond. Manchester; Solicitor.

Sentencing for

Regina v Tomlinson Regina v Mackie Regina v Gladwell

When semencing for an offence of violent disorder it was necessary to look at the individual act in the the context of the fear inspired in the

context of the fear inspared in the general public by the use of violence among crowds of people.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Leggatt, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Sedley) so stated on November 12 in appeals by the country of the in giving judgment in appeals by Damon Tomlinson, Dean Martin Mackie and Paul Simon Gladwell mackie and Paul Simon Gladwell against sentences imposed in July 1992 at Norwich Crown Court (Judge Binns) of respectively four months imprisonment (affirmed), nine months imprisonment (reduced to six months) and nine months described in a united

violent disorder offender's institution (reduced to six months) for offences of violent

> MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that the offences had arisen during a demonstration on March 17, 1990 in Colchester against the community charge. Their Lordships confirmed the

approach to sentencing adopted in the similar case of R v Tyler (The Times October 7 (reported on a different point)) where Lord Justice Farquharson had said that it was essence of the offence; it was the using of violence in circumstances where so many people were present as to cause or inspire fear in the general public.

Arguments required

DPP v Kirk It was important for the proper

evaluation of an appeal by way of case stated that the case stated should contain the arguments which the magistrates had heard. Mr Justice Laws, sitting with Lord Justice Watkins, so observed

not the individual act that was the

The individual act had to be

in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on November 17 when (i) allowing an appeal by the prosecution against the acquittal of Ron-ald Kirk by Leeds Justices on a charge of failing to provide breath specimen and (ii) remitting

On-licence must fit in category

Crown Court, Ex parte Sitki Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Jostice Roch [Judgment November 17] .

Judgment November 17]
Section 1(3) of the Licensing Act.
1964 contained an exhaustive list of caregories of justices on-licence and any on-licence granted had to fit exactly one of those caregories.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, granting the applicant, Akmen Ali Siki, a declaration that the imposition of an invalid con-Airmen An Smo, a decisation tractite imposition of an invalid condition had rendered his on-licence invalid but refusing to grant an order of certiforari quashing Inner

London Crown Court's dismissal, on July 29, 1991, of the applicant's appeal against the revocation of his on-licence. Mr Phillip Engelman for the applicant; Mr James Rankin for Commissioner of Police of the

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS. giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant's on-licence had been for the sale of intoxicating fiquous of all descriptions, which was one of the five categories of justices' on-licence specified in section 1(3) of the Licensing Act 1054. Act 1964.

When they had granted the licence the justices had included a

Regina v Inner London condition preventing the sale of Crown Court. Ex parte Sifki beer.

The issue was whether the justices could impose a condition which so converted an on-licence that it did not fall precisely within any one of the five categories.

The commissioner argued that the "no beer" condition was a condition was a condition waldly imposed under section 4(1). He sought to distinguish R v Leicester Licensing Justices, Exparte Bisson [1968] 1 WLR 729) by pointing out that it concerned an off-licence, in respect of which there was no power to impose conditions.

That was not a valid distinction. The essence of the decision in Exparte Bisson was that justices could

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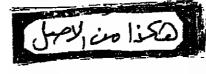
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parte Bisson was that justices could not grant a licence which did not fall exactly into one of the categories specified by Parliament in section 1(3). If that was true of offficences it had to also be true of that part of the same subsection which dealt with on-licences. It was difficult to see any reason for Parliament laying down lists of five categories of on-licence and two categories of off-licence unless it had meant those lists to be exhaustive and had intended that any licence granted should be one of those specified categories.

Solicitors: Dianne Rocks, Greenwich; Solicitor to Metropoli-



Founding father appeals for retention of mind game



Thofeit: 'It must not die'

Some of the heroes of my youth graced the stage in Stockholm last week at the gala evening celebrating the foun-dation of the International Amateur Arhletic Federation 80 years ago. Gunder Hagg and Arne Andersson, who assaulted so often and so closely the four-minute mile; Farny Blankers-Koen, star of the Olympic Games in Lordon in Olympic Games in London in 1948; Bob Mathias, the teenager who astonished the sporting world in the decathlon.

These and other oldies joined this year's champions of Barcelona, including the two athletes of the year, Kevin Young and Heike Henkel, at dinner with King Carl Gustav. An absentee on the guest list was one of the noblest of champions from that definitive Olympic sport designed by Pierre de Coubertin, the modern pentathlon. General Sven Thofelt's agility with horse, sword and gun is these days a little restricted.

At 88, still ramrod straight in his crimson blazer from the Games of 1976 in Montreal, which took place during his 23 years presideneyesight is too uncertain for him to attend this week's congress in France to debate the threatened Olympic future of his sport. Yet he regards this amalgam of disciplines that epitomise the life of a cavalry officer as man's most demanding test of mind, body and character.

In the attempt to preserve modern pentathlon's place on the Olympic programme — presently under criticism for its cost, lack of worldwide competitors and its min-imal spectator/television potential — this week's conference will dis-cuss alterations to the schedule of the five events, possibly to include

aser shooting.
"The sport is an education in itself." Thofelt said. "It trains the mind as much as the body, and should be experienced by all leaders of men. It must not die. Riding and fencing are wholly with the head, the body being only an instrument of the mind. Shooting is a test of character and will, of steadiness.

Only the swimming and running are wholly physical."

Thofelt was commander of Swe-

a man of international popularity. Modern pentathlon was inaugurated — as was the IAAF — at the Games in Stockholm in 1912. Thofelt, a pupil at the Swedish Military Academy, first competed aged 19, a year before the Games of 1924. Though never having previously fenced, he finished third. What were his first impressions of the most legical. the sport, I asked? "That I was very

mocking humour.

They did not select him the next year — "too young" — but four years later, in Amsterdam, he beat his compatriot, Bo Lindman, the champion from 1924, for the gold medal. At Los Angeles and then Berlin, the lottery of the draw gave. Thofelt a dodgy horse, and both times he fell to linish fourth. Bo Oxenstierna, the Los Angeles

IOC innovation adopted

IMPORTANT changes to modern pentathlon were agreed at the conclusion of a meeting of the modern pentathlon and biathlon union at the weekend.

Modern pentathlon agreed to the format proposed by the International Olympic Committee for a one-day competition for both men and women, and a one-day team relay event. Experiments are also in hand for laser shooting to replace 22-calibre shooting, one of

the sport's five events. The one-day innovation will require fencing competitors to be segregated into pools, hitherto, competitors at any event have fenced against all other

competitors.

Another initiative, proposed by Australia, is for a commerciallybacked grand slam series of cheday competition.

Anders Besseberg, of Norway. was elected as president of the champion, another Swede and roday 93, called on Thofelt a few weeks ago to chat about their old

Until 1948, modern pentathlon was dominated by military officers and the only major championship was at the Olympic Games. In 1948, in London. Thofelt founded the Modern Pentathlon Union. and the first independent world championship took place in 1949.
The sport's breeding ground broadened. Lars Hall, Olympic champion of 1952 and 1956, was a carpentry instructor.

More than any sport but golf, modern pentathlon has retained its code of sportsmanship and cama-raderie. There is no Olympic event, other than a few track and field finals, I would rather watch. "It is a very honest competition," Thoselt

There have been only two breaches of etiquette. In 1964, Balczo, of Hungary, failed to fire on one "turn" of the pistol target at the world championships, illegally shooting twice on the next turn, but went unpunished; in Montreal, in

Union, was discovered by Jim Fox, of Britain, to be using a short-circuit button inside his handguard, falsely to record hits. He was sent home in disgrace. Thofelt was himself an accomplished fencer. finishing seventh in the 1932 Olympics in the main epice event.

"I don't think it's a good idea to have riding as the final event, because of the lottery of the horses." Thoselt said. "It's not good for the sport to have a competitor leading after four events and lose only because of a bad horse." Discussion continues as to whether the federation will return to the system of 1984, with the cross-country run staggered, with the points leader starting first, so that if he is overtaken, the winner must be the

overall champion.

Before leaving for France. Terry Bunyard, from Britain, said: "We've got to think of radical change, a modern pentathlon. We must preserve our Olympic place, and it must be remembered that the Olympics is not only about

Umpires report Border and Hughes as Australia draw

Fletcher's visit has uplifting effect

FROM RICHARD STREETON

KEITH Fletcher's spying mission at the second Test match here between South Africa and India left the England manager confident that his own team would have a successful tour to India after Christmas. Before returning home, Fletcher said his jour-ney to South Africa had been

encouraging and worthwhile.

"India always play better in their own country," Fletcher said. "But on the showing that I have seen here, I rather fancy our chances in India."

He believed that if the series was to be played in England. we would have annihilated them. As it is, India in India can always be tough".

Fletcher felt that neither South Africa nor India had played particularly well in the drawn Test match which finished on Monday. Most of the Indian batsmen, he said, were clearly out of form and they looked short of confidence. not got any classic batsmen. the sort who excited spectators. "They are a long way from the Graeme Pollock era," he said.

Asked about the Indian bowlers. Fletcher said that Kapil Dev looked tired. The fact that the series with England will begin straight after India return home would not help him in this context. Kapil, who will be 34 when he plays against England, took only one wicket in the second Test match. It left him 23 behind Sir Richard Hadlee's record career aggregate of 43 l Test wickets.

Fletcher said it was hard to imagine better swing bowling than Prabhakar's on the first morning, but later in the game he had looked ordinary. Fletcher had not seen Kumble turn the ball much and the spinner's success in taking six wickets in the second innings had been a surprise. "The South Africans looked all at sea against him and I think it underlines the lack of spin bowling in their own cricket at the present time." he said. Kumble would not be a

problem for England, Fletcher felt, unless he learned to turn the ball much more. The Matthews, with his steadiness and movement, as the best South African bowler, while Donald's pace was always a

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Richardson saves **West Indies on** fractious final day

By Our Sports Staff

Brisbane: A fine innings of 66 from the West Indies captain, Richie Richardson, enabled his side to hold out for a draw on a dramatic final day of the first Test against Australia

here yesterday.
Needing 231 to win. West
Indies collapsed to nine for
four, but, thanks largely to a
partnership of 86 between
Richardson and Carl Hooper, they clawed their way to safety at 133 for eight. Their fast bowler, Ian Bishop, safely negotiated the final over from Mery Hughes.
Australian tempers got the

better of them during the innings and the captain, Allan Border, and Hughes were reported by the umpires for dissent. Hughes ex-changed words with Steve Randell after an appeal against Richardson turned down when he had South Africa, at present, have made 47. Border also spoke last four second-innings wickto Randell and pointed to his shin after another appeal had been refused.

The two were reported

Cricket Council code of conduct. A hearing was held after close of play and the verdict of the match referee, Raman Subba Row, was due to be announced today. He has the power to fine a player up to 75 per cent of his match fee or suspend him for up to three Tests, plus any other international matches in that period.

Border said he was unaware of the reports being made, and said that if that was the case, the umpires would be "over-reacting". "We thought we might have had a few more decisions, but they have to call it as they see it," he said. Richardson said of the match, in which fortunes had fluctuated throughout: "It's competitive but friendly. That's the way I like to play."
West Indies had looked the

likely winners in the morning. after they captured Australia's ets for 42 runs. But the course of the game was changed by McDermott, who took four for 35 and, in the process, his under the new International 100th Test wicket in Australia.

FINAL SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 371 (K L T Arthurion 157 not out, B C Lars 58; B A Red 5 for 112).

Extres (to 7, no 5)

West Indies lost three wickets for three runs in 4.5 overs before lunch, Haynes and Lara falling to McDermott and Simmons to Reid. Arthurton, who scored an unbeaten 157 in the first innings, fell to McDermott just after the interval.

By tea, however, Richardson was on 55, and in control with Hooper. West Indies, at 93 for four, needed 138 runs to win, but their hopes of victory ended when Hooper and Williams were out for the addition of three runs.

Richardson was out on 123, edging Hughes to Healy after nearly four hours at the crease, and Australia needed to capture three wickets in the final six overs for victory. Ambrose was caught by Hughes off Reid, but Bishop and Waish stood firm.

The second Test starts in Melbourne on December 26. (Agencies)

☐ Allan Border may miss Australia's first two matches in the three-team World Series Cup tournament after straining a hamstring batting on the fourth day of the first Test. Mark Taylor will take over as captain if Border withdraws.

Pakistan play West Indies in the opening game of the tournament on Friday in Perth, with Australia meeting West Indies in Perth on Sunday and again in Sydney on Tuesday. The Australian selectors have recalled Tim May, the spinner, for his first ap-Cup in India in 1989. AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: A R Border (deptain), M A Taylor (vice-captain), D C Boon, I A Fresky, D M Jones, C J McDermott, G R J Matthews, T B A May, P R Relifiel, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, M R Whatney.

Wright breaks new ground

Moratuwa: John Wright be-came the first New Zealand batsman to score 5,000 runs in Test cricket yesterday as the one day remaining.

Sri Lanka did not help their cause with slipshod catching

(a) A hospital obstetrics room in American medical jargon, from the Latin mason, nasci, natus I am born: "You booked when you took this patient to naturary, Foster. In spite of the frock, he should definitely

(c) The consecrated elements of the Eucharist, the administration or receiving of the Eucharist, as a verb, to administer the Communion, from the OE has! a sacrifice; Hamlet senior: "Cut off even in the blossoms of my sin./Unbouse!'d, disappointed, mane!'d."

(b) Furnished with numerous rigid hairs or straight prickles, as the fruit of Castanesa vesca, from the Latin echinus a hedgehog: "When merit exhibits his gainea gorged purse,/They'll echinate, redden and

after play was curtailed by rain and bad light. By the close of the fourth day, New Zealand were 65 runs ahead. Sri Lanka, resuming at 299 for first Test against Sri Lanka moved towards a draw here. Wright's 38 in an opening stand of 104 with Blair Hartland, who reached 50 not out, frustrated Sri Lanka with

four, batted for half an hour following a late start due to rain and declared their first

Hathurusinghe dropped Hartland at third slip off WORD-WATCHING (c) To make real, to convert mentally into a thing, to materialise, from the Latin res a thing + facere to make: "When people make or find a new abstract noon, they instantly try to put it on a shelf or into a box, as though it were a thing; thus they reify it."

innings at 327 for six. Hartland, 26, the Canterbury right-hander, 26, survived chances at ten and 31 before going on to complete his maiden Test fifty before the batsmen came off for bad light with 16 overs remaining.

Liyanage and de Silva put him down at first slip off Anurasiri. Wright also escaped on six when the first slip, Tillekerat-ne, failed to get his hands under an outside edge off

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warraweers and not ber FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-184, 3-297, 4-299, 5-300, 6-309 BOWLING, Sura 25-6-62-2; Owens 17-3-63-2, Nash 18-2-82-1; Vaughan 14-0-56-0, Hams 15-5-64-0: Jones 1-0-3-0, Crowe 2-0-10-0 Umpres K T Francis and T M Samara-singhe.

Ramiz runs into form

A BRILLIANT 98 by Ramiz Raja led the way for the Pakistanis as they tuned up for the World Series Cup with a 27-run win over Western Australia in Perth yesterday.

The World Cup champions made 270 for three off 50 overs, with Ramiz and the captain, Javed Miandad (69 not out), sharing an impressive stand of 113 before the triangular one-day series with Australia and West Indies.

than five runs an over, Westem Australia were all out for 243 in the 48th over, despite 83 in 64 balls by Tim Zoehrer. the wicketkeeper.

Aqib Javed, the Pakistan fast bowler, will have a scan on

continue the tour. Aqib strained back muscles in the first match on Sunday and was hurt again on Monday.

his back today to see if he can

RESULTS: St Mellons by Courtshop Sur-boon, 3-1 W F Village Marchester drew with Lingfield, 2-2 Fositions: 1 Lambs, 35pts, 2, Leeless Wizerts, 35, 3 Camons, 29, 4, Courtshop Surbico, 19, 5, Recret, 18; 6, Lingfield, 16; 7, W F Village Manchester, 11, 8, St Mellons, 10



THIS year's triumphant Curtis Cup team tasted victory for a second time yesterday when they received the Daily Telegraph Woman Golfer of the Year Trophy in recognition of their achievement at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, in

June (Louise Taylor writes). Great Britain and Ireland defeated the United States 10-8 to win the cup which was presented to them at Hoylake by the Duke of York. Their latest prize was handed over yesterday by Tony Jacklin, the former Ryder Cup captain, at a lunch in Knightsbridge, London. Flanked by two team-

SQUASH

St Mellons

remain in

drop zone

this week, Pimm's Premier

League action was at the foot

of the table (Colin McQuillan

St Mellons took the honours

on Monday with a 3-1 win

over Surbiton that owed much

to the young Welsh players who carried them through the second division last season.

but which failed to lift them

Village Manchester, who

this season took a vital win bonus point on a countback to

individual games and points when St Mellons travelled to

Prestwich, performed the same trick in a 2-2 draw with

Lingfield to keep a marginal

buffer against occupation of

the basement.

out of the relegation zone.

writes).

mates - Caroline Hall, left, and Joanne Morley, right - Elizabeth Boatman, the Curtis Cup captain, is pictured admiring

Boatman said: "It is a tremendous bonour to receive this latest award, the whole team are delighted." They are: Nicola Buxton (Woodsome Hall), Elaine Farquh-arson (Deesside), Carlone Hall (Filton), Julie Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), Claire Hourihane (Woodbrook), Catriona Lambert (North Berwick). Vicki Thomas (Pennard) and Joanne Morley (Sale). They also all received glass bowls.

NETBALL

England under-21s WITH the world's leading players in Karachi for the Pakistan open championship

JILLEAN Hipsey's England under-21 team have made a winning start to their World Youth Cup programme in Fiji. Hipsey's squad have so far enjoyed a resounding 72-11 mumph against Vanatu, a similarly comprehensive 61-13 win against Tonga and a closer victory. 38-25, over

Fiji, yesterday. Against Vanatu, Joanne Hall, from Greater Manchester, was in fine form as England goal-shooter. She scored 53 times from 73 attempts - a shooting average of 78 per cent. Against Tonga, Alex Wood took over the goalshooter's bib and registered 25 goals from 47 chances. With Hall at goal-attack, Wood continued in the goalshooting job against Fiji, net-ting 18 of 38 attempts. Hipesy, a former England captain, described the match against Fiji. who, unlike Eng-

land, treat netball as a contact

enjoy winning start

By Louise Taylor

sport, as physically, very tough.
With England due to host the world championship in 1995 — when some of this squad will have graduated to Liz Broomhead's senior party - the outlook for English netball seems bright.

A squad from the Australian Institute of Sport arrived in England yesterday prepared for a series against English county sides, including Kent, Sussex and Middlesex, It follows a similar recent visit from the neighbouring Victorian Institute of Sport, who left celebrating a series of

This Saturday, Surrey, the champions, are at Bedfordshire for the third round of the English Counties League championship. Birmingham are home to Hertfordshire. Essex Metropolitan entertain Kent and and Hampshire North visit Middlesex.

Whitaker aiming for Games repeat

By Sydney Friskin

DAVID Whitaker, who coached Great Britain to its finest hour in men's hockey, has been given a four-year contract to prepare the team for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlan-ta. Whitaker, who guided the British team to the 1988 gold medal in Seoul. takes over his new duties on January 1.

Whitaker replaces Norman Hughes, who re-signed on November 19 as coach of both England and Great Britain.

By arrangement with the Hockey Association (HA), he will also coach England under-21 for the junior World Cup in Spain, in 1993, the England senior team for the World Cup at Sydney in 1994 and the European Cup in Dublin in 1995.
The HA will pay the Great
Britain hockey board for
duties which the coach will carry out for England dur-

ing the 1993-5 period.

While coaching Great
Britain, Whitaker's activities will involve the establishment of closer relations with the selectors appointed by the board and with the administrators of the three constituent associations, England. Wales and Scotland, at senior and under-21 levels. Welcoming the change in the structure of his appointment, Whitaker said yesterday: "I am look-

many people as possible involved in it." However, he said that he was not severing connections with his present employers, Performance Consultants, a London-

lan Forster, the chair-man of the HA management committee, said yesterday that Alan Walker, at present in charge of the under-2) squad, would manage the England team for the Indira Gandhi tournament at Bombay in January and that Whitaker

next Wednesday. Great Britain are also looking at changes in the arrangements for management and administration.



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ing forward to what looks like a new challenge and I am determined to get as

based firm committed to improving individual and team performances.

would be the coach. The selection of an England manager for future commitments is expected to be made at the manage-

and administration.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Fifth round: Guidiord v Stourport. East Grinstead v Shelbeld. Centerbury v Cannock, Reading v Indian Gymhana; Hampstoad and Wesiminster v Northumpton Sunts, Beston v Sough, Harleston Mappies v Hourstow, Rectandge and flord or troa v Todongton Ties to be played on December 13.



SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE SCORES: Pakistenis 270 for 3 (Ramz. Raja 38. Javed Mandad 69 not out); Western Australia 243 (T J Zoehrer 83) Despite the limited material white gave mate with 1 Bf3+! Kh6 (If 1 ... Kxh4 2 Ka3! and, remarkably, black has no defence to 3 Kf4 and 4 Rh1+) 2 Bxh5! Bxh5 3 Rg6 mate. Needing to score at better

THE rehabilitation of Kribensis continued yesterday when Michael Stoute said that his 1990 Champion Hurdle winner was to be schooled at Newmarket later this week with a view to taking on Morley Street in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham on December 12.

We've got to get him back on the track, because he's been off for so long," said the trainer. "He's been doing nice steady work and we're very pleased with him.

After Cheltenham, the objective would be the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton. That will tell us if he's still in championship class."

At the time of his Champion win Kribensis had won ten of his 11 starts, his only defeat having occurred in the previous season's Champion Hur-Then, he missed the whole of the subsequent season due to a tendency to break

On the grey's attempted comeback last season, he finished second at Haydock before being pulled up behind Royal Gait at Cheltenham in March

"It was a pretty horrific injury," said Stoute. "He skinned his near-hind cannon-bone. It was just like



Comeback trail: Kribensis, the former champion hurdler, prepares to return to the fray at Cheltenham next month

tendons were damaged, but it involved multiple stitching. At one point they had to cut away skin to promote fresh growth."

Simultaneously, news came from James Fanshawe that Shaikh Mohammed's other star of the winter game. Royal Gait, would not be seen in action before Christmas.

"He threw a splint ten days before Cheltenham last year and we had to run him with

the injury. He didn't have any leg problems, but we had to take things easy with him," the trainer said.

"I wanted to run him at Newcastle, but he was a bit flat at that time. He won't be ready for the Bula, so we'll run him/ in either the Christmas Hurdle or the Bookmakers' Hur-

dle at Leopardstown." Yesterday's principal action in the betting on Saturday's

William Hill Hurdle at Sandown concerned Valfinet and Kilcash, whose prices hardened from even money to 5-4 on and from 9-1 to 13-2,

respectively. At Newmarket this evening all eyes will be on Lyric Fantasy when Lord Carnarvon's diminutive flying machine is led into the sale ring at around 6.30pm.

December sale yesterday was the 425,000 guineas paid by Elizabeth Moran for Forest Flower, European champion two-year-old filly in 1986. Guesses about the likely

price for the Tate Gallery filly.

whose only defeat from five

starts came at the hands of

Sayyedati in the Cheveley Park Stakes, vary from

250,000 guineas to 400,000

The highest price of the

Persuasive ready to continue her good work at Catterick

PERSUASIVE, who won by five lengths at Catterick 11 days ago, has a fine chance of collecting the Brompton Handicap Hurdle there again today in the care of her regular rider Mark Buckley, and she is

my nap.

Trained locally by Lynda

becan her Perrant, Persuasive began her season by finishing a promising second to the in-form Seon

on today's course. Following that good effort. it came as no surprise to see her beat Gallateen by two lengths at Haydock.

Underlining her toughness, Persuasive then reappeared on the north Yorkshire track three days later and won in style, even with a 6lb penalty. With Buckley claiming his 71b allowance, she will be hard to beat there again, more especially since Gallateen has underlined the soundness of her form by winning at Kelso

rwo days ago.

Whitewebb, who was ten lengths behind Persuasive in fourth place last time, has no apparent chance of reversing the placings on these terms even though he will obviously be sharper for that race. In the circumstances, Persuasive has more to fear from Strong

Views and Tapatch. Strong Views has twice beaten Willie Sparkle at Kelso this season and it was Willie MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Sparkle who was runner-up to Persuasive's Haydock victim. Gallateen, there again on Monday.
Tapatch, who won three of

his seven races over hurdles. last season and was placed in the other four, blotted his copybook when falling at the second-last flight in the race won by Persuasive on his seasonal debut.

At the time he was still in contention so he should give a good account of himself.

Twelve months ago, Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mark Dwyer had the answer to the puzzle posed by the Bobby Faulkner Memorial Challenge Trophy in the form of Blacksburg. Now they will be in the hunt again with Phils Pride, who was going like a winner when he fell at Worcester in the

However, I marginally pre-fer Vayrua, who is best judged on his close second to Bonanza at Sedgefield. He was out of his depth last time out behind

Dawson City at Aintree. Armagret, trained locally by Jumbo Wilkinson, has a decent chance of winning the Charles Vickery Memorial Cup even with 12 stone on his back.

A winner at Wetherby, Doncaster and Haydock last sea-son. Armagret has run well enough at Cheltenham and Wetherby this autumn to suggest that he can take care of

tepfaster on these terms. At Hunningdon, West Ender can make it four wins from five attempts when he contests the Long Sutton Handicap

A winner on the track in October, he looked in particu-larly fine fettle at Market Rasen ten days ago when

scoring by 12 lengths.

Catis Regrets, from Henrietta Knight's in-form Lockinge stable, looks a decent bet to win the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle qualifier. Although he is apparently not the easiest of horses to

train, he clearly has loads of ability, as he has demonstrated twice in educational races on the Flat. His jumping at home has been good.

Ludlow lost

Ludiow, scheduled for today, was called off yesterday because of a waterlogged course. Huntingdon was the subject of a stewards' inspection yesterday before the course was passed fit.

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R The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.45 WEST ENDER.

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NORTHERN SCURRE 15'41 6th of 7 to Highland Poscher in a novice hundle at Haydock (2m. solf). OATIS REGRETS best Usanus Collomose 24'41 in a 20-mose National Hunt for race at Warwick (2m. good to soft)
PLUCKY PUNTER 15% 5th of 21 to Lock Gazanne
in a movies hundle at Wetherby last once out (2th, ni s navice hundé at Wi good to SOD). Selectore, PEACEMAN

Smith Eccles receives ban

STEVE Smith Eccles received a seven-day ban for improper riding of Shoofe in the A dle at Newcastle yesterday. Smith Eccles finished third on the 9-4 on favourite, beaten a head and the same, by Hudson Bay Trader and Tindari. 10-16 inclusive.

The stewards listened to the jockey's evidence and, after riding of Shoofe in the A viewing a recording of the Study In Scarlet Novices' Hurrace, adjudged him guilty of misuse and excessive use of the the season for the same offence, will run from December

1	.45 a	ROWLAND NOVICES CHASE (52,427: 3m) (13 runners)	
- 1	1-001U3	96546-97.CY J2 (n) (1703) 29.50 (17050) (100) HELIES 6-11-0 V Million	
		JENSTRO 21 (CO.S) (Mrs L. Part) J. Pearce 7-11-3	
3		DUNDROMA 33 (BF,6) (Maj E O'F Wilson) R Champion 6-10-12	
4		EASTERN STATESMAN 6 (Mass S Bauley) R Where 7-10-12 T Clay (7)	
5	131-403	LOBRIC 9 (F.G) (8 Hutchinson) J Janieris 7-10-12 R Durwoody	65
6	D/PF-0U0	LOOK LIVELY 16 (F,6) (The 39 Partnership) J Gallions 7-10 12	-

6 DPP-0330 1.DOK LIVELY 16 (F.5) (This 3 Patrieschip) J Gallord 7-10 12 Phillip (7)
7 2100-PP MAIN OF MYSTERY 28 (3) (PCJF Bionodistol) C Triedine 6-10-12 M A Program's
8 4031-35 MR TITTLE TATTLE 58 (F) Oldra J Henrich (K Balley 6-10-12 A Tray
9 DP0F3-5 PAT CILLEN 8 (8) (5 Joynes) Mr P Joynes 7-10-12 Mr S Joynes (7)
10 30/P-050 SMASSE 19 (6 Hollorof) F Murphy 7-10-12 B Murphy (7)
11 12496-63 SOURIO OF JURA 25 (6) (Lord Challess) T Forster 7-10-12 C Liberalyn
12 UO-1805 THE LIGHTER SIDE 23 (F.8) (10 Disnes) M Charles 6-10-12 Judy Divise (7)
13 4PFT-P6 TROUBADOUR NOY 13 (V) (0 Pepping) T Thomas Jones 6-10-12 H Davies BETTING: 2-) Sound Of Jura. 3-1 Membook, 11-2 Dundroms, 6-1 Juneiro, 8-1 Mr Trate, 16-1 Lobris, 14-1 cates.

1991: BANKER'S GOSSEP 7-10-12 B Durwoody IG-5 lay) D Wichidean 5 ran

MENEBUCK bost La Crasaga 341 in an 12-rumbe
novice chasa at Wincardon (2m 5t, good), with
TROUBADOR BOY talled-oil 5th. JANSTRO 191
4th of 8 to Witnespering Statel in a nevice chase at
Hayriack (3m, soli).
DUNDROMA 2541 3rd of 13 to Ferror Bridge in a
novice handican chase at Bangor (am 110yd, good to soft), with THE LIGHTER SIDE (25 worse of)
to soil), with the lighter Side (2th worse oil)
1256 Str. LOBRIC 401 3rd of 11 to Lake Terrior in
a novice chase at Feltesione last time out (2m St,
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MR TITTLE TATTLE was disputing the lead when the five out behind Fisher Dowlard in a covince chase at Forebodi on peculiaristic start (3m 27 107d, good). Premously, 101 2nd of 10 to Region Road in a newice chase at Wincardon (2m 51, good). PAT CULLEN 16941 4th of 9 to Jun Valenties in a revice chase at Stratterd (2m 41, good to soft), SCURED OF JURA 11191 3nd of 12 to Transiting Wrong in a novice chase at Chepatow (3m, good to cont.)

2.15 BISHOPS STORTFORD MOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

1-	189. 20	t 119jej (o tolikos)
1	421/P4-1	SPERT OF KIBRS 15 (C.D.S) (No. 1) Lawel Mrs. J. Pamen 7-12-0
2	0100-4	DOLIKOS 23 (S) (Mrs M Gutrin) J Julierson 5-11-3
3	05444	MP-PAW 226 (G Husbard) F Murphy 9-11-3 A Magain
4	U4254-6	ARMALA 8 (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 7-11-0
5	23454-0	DOOFGRD HUT 11 (C But) C Nam 6-10-11
6	OP/PS	ST ATHANS GIRL 30 (Das Gale Racing) R Custo 9-10-10
BETT	ING. 2-1 S	port Of Killers, 5-2 Collect. 3-1 Ma-Paw, 8-1 Armsta, 10-1 Ocedorá Hal, 14-1 ST Athans Girl
		1991: EMBEE-H 6-11-3 Gas Armytage (4-1) F Murphy 7 mm

FORM FOCUS

PERT OF KUSATS best Eastern Magic 71 in a 6-	cutt). ARMALA taried-off 6th of 10 in Addit
ther handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m. solf),	Copes in names chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good
aless chasting debut. DOCKIOS 12914 4th of 5 to	sot). ST ATHANS GIFL talied-off 6th of 12
in Gun in a myrice chase at Carlaste (2m. good to	Noble Gyns in a source classe at Wolvestampi
it), MET-PAW 131 4th of 7 to Blue Buccamer in a	(2m, good).
nodicap chase at Towcaster (2m. 50yd. good to	Solection: MR-PAW

	2.	45 1	ETWORTH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,860: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)	•
	t		CHILD OF THE MIST 235 (BF.G.S) (J Wingle) J Wingle 6-12-0 B Cilliand (3)	
	- 3	P	THE PRUSSIAN & (P Bradley) X Wingrove 6-12-0 S Comm (7)	-
l	3	2-12514	SAN LORESCO 13 (0,0.5) () Greigt K Bakey 4-11-3 S Michell !	9
ı	4	1190/	QUENTIN DURWOOD 599 (CO.S) (Mrs R Bornet) Mrs J Pilman 5-10-10 M Pilman	-
ı			HATS HIGH 18 (V.D.G.S) (Mrs J Gray) F Gray 7-10-9 M Crosse	
ì	6	212-322	EASTERN MAGIC 15 (H Seglet J Alebural 4-10-7	Œ
ı	7	(2/P)PP-	HEYFLEET 214 (B.D.F.S) (The Heybest Partnership) May J Pleman 9-10-4 . B de Huan	-
ı	8	51265-5	FIERCE 8 (D.F) (P Piper) J Jenius 4-16-0 R Darwoody	9
١			BARADORA 19 (CD.F) (Mrs J Sneds) M Smith 10-10-0	
ŀ	19	50-0334	JOHER JACK 9 (R Dent) R Dest 7-10-0 A Proctor (7)	8
ĺ	Long	bandcar'	Flence 9-11, Berzocra 8-8, John Jack 8-5.	
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1991: YORKSHIREMAN 6-12-0 H Danes (5-1) J Glover 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

C'HLD OF THE MEST 11 2nd of 17 to Vistor Bravo

10 a nonce burdin at Statistical (2m St., good). SAN

LURENZO SI 4th of 8 to Mantha's Som in a handscon hundle at Winnamor (2m, good).

EASTERIN MASIC 71 2nd of 6 to Spint Ol Klorc in

3.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,696: 2m 110yd) (14 runners) CROSA'S DELIGHT IS JONES & JONE 5-11-3...

		Personal rate in the contract of the contract
		PORCE (Mrs P Joynes) Mrs P Joynes 5-11-3 Mr S Joynes (7)
		GORDON PASHA (R Prince) O Prince 6-11-3
	1	SMICKEBRIDGE GRAS 62 (Mrsz. J Hodgidrson) VI G M Tumer 5-11-3 R Darke (7)
		SPIN (G Barnes) D Burchell 6-11-2
		ALLEGRO CON BRID (Mrs N Myers) T Thomson Jones 4-11-0 D Geoglegan (5)
	0	ICHARI LIGHT 32 (N Charles) U Charles 4-11-0 Justy Davies (7)
	20	NASOBELIA 32 (T Boston) J Pearce 4-11-0
		SHIREDAK'S FLYER (D Edmunds) D Edmunds 4-11-0
	0-	SOVEREIGNS MATCH 233 (L. Walter) G Prichard-Gordon 4-11-0 W Minston (5)
		TAX THE DEVIL (Mrs H Chaldo: 5 Doe 4-11-0
		TRADER TYE (G Hubbard) F Morphy 4-11-0
	DOV	SUPPREME KORGHT 552 IR Harber i fi Harber 5-10-12
		MISS MOSEY CATS (ERAS Gale Rating) R Curtis 4-10-9 G Cromb (7)
Par		
- Chin	341	rader Tyo, 9-2 Albegro Con Brio. 5-1 Smoletaninge Gras, 13-2 Nagocella, 7-1 Sovereigns Ma
. 6	1 22 D	nd 141 ofters.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING DATE

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TRAINERS Mrs ! P.sman A Jone; F Merph . Miss is haught J Gilbar C Thollog	Wices 12 3 18 4 17	Rais 42 11 80 19 86 32	28.6 27.2 27.5 27.1 19.6 18.6	JUCKEYS M. Promo J. Write G. McCourt R. Dumondy D. Morphy J. Ryan	Winners 8 7 7 23 17 6	Rutes 24 30 34 121 93 33	23.3 21.3 20.6 19.0 18.3 18.2

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Fontwell Park

Going: soft
12-40 (2m 81 hole) 1. ASK THE GOVERNOR (A Meguire, 10-11 fav); 2. Ginger
Tristan (Peter Hobbs, 9-2), 3. Heappy Horses
(A Skelton, 20-1]. ALSO FIAN* B Weish
Cotlage (4th), 12 Cornsh Cossack, 14
Thankstomhoother (5th), 25 Woodlands Boy
(ant), Mutual Agnerment, 50 Linonh Lleder
(pul.), Noticly Boyness (pul.), 10 ran. NRI.
(Who's Neal. 5, 10), 41, 121, 44, Glading at
Who's Neal. 5, 10, 41, 121, 44, Glading at
Corchester. Tota, 22 30; 51 50, 21.60,
53 BO, DF: 55 30. CSF 55 06 Dorchester. Tota. 2:230; \$1:50, 1:50.

2:30. DF: 25:30. CS: 55:06

1:10 (2m 2) ch) 1, GENERAL MERCHANT (T Thompson: 5-1), 2:30 Cust (P Derice, 1-1-8 ks), 3, Roving Seel (M Houngan: 2-1), 41:50 RAN: 14 The Barren Arctic (I), Welcome Tidings (4th), 20 Robbie Burns, (pul. 33 Corine Valley (Nd (pul. 7 ten. 34), 25), 301.

33 Corine Valley (Nd (pul. 7 ten. 34), 25), 301.

31 Corine Valley (Nd (pul. 7 ten. 34), 25), 301.

51 40, DF: 22:60. CSF: 511.79 No bid 1-40 (2m 2) Indie) 1, MY SENOR (A Magura, 6-5 tax), 2. Alice's Mirror (W McCarlisti, 9-1), 3, Andithetis: (J Alechurst, 10-1), 415 Ramora (pul, 1-34), 25 Ramora (pul, 1-34), 25 Ramora (pul, 1-34), 3, 1-35, 1-3 24.27.
2.10 (2m 2f holie) 1, DANCING PADDY (A Maguste, 5-1), 2, Front Page (8 Criticard, 5-6 (av), 3, Hasshar (6 Bradley, 9-4), ALSO (RAN: 13-2 Beauth (4th), 4 ran. Jul, 151, 30. K Curningham-Brown at Stockondys Tota. 25 10 DF: \$2.70. CSF. \$9.79.

2.40 (2m 2l ch) 1, GIVUS A BUCK (P Holiey, 11-1), 2. Wide Boy (Peter Hobbs, 5-4); 3, Messer Cornedy (A Maguire, 9-1). ALSO RAN, 5-4 fav Code Dodger (4th), 14 Greenfalls, Prote (5th), 5 ran I4R, Sertozha 11, 10f, 5t, dist. (D Elsworth at Whitsbury Tote, £2 90, £3.10, £1.30 DF, £5.20 CSF, £25 18 926 18
3.10 (3m 2! 110yd ch) 1, RED AMBER (J. Osborne, 2-1), 2, Jim Bowle (D Gallagher, 8-1), 3, Rypo (R Rowle), 20-1), ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Ousker Bob (pu), 8 Star Cl Oughtered (un), 20 Real Harmony (5th), 25 Colonel Kenson (4th), 7 ran 2/st, sh hd, 3/st, 251, 5 Newwood at East Baley, Tote: 92-60, 61 90, 92-70 DF 925 00, CSF, C16 35

22.70 DF 225 00. CSF. 216 35
3.40 (2m 6f hule) 1, EBONY GALE (M Primen, 11-4 bay, Thurderer's rap), 2, Glebelends Girl (A Maguste, 11-2), 3, Northern Village (H Daves, 11-1) ALSO RAN 3 Somersaulung (Eth.), 8 Macho Man (Bih), 9 Sparker Gebe, 16 As Good As Goid (put. 20 Sanegales, 25 Lyph (put. Nova Sprift (put.), Nosnavar, 33 Villa Park (4th.), 12 ran. 12, 14, 7, 12, 30 Mis J Petman at Upper Lambourn Tote (23 90, £2.00, £1 80, £2.80 DF 27 30 CSF £17 69 Tricset £134 38 Placepot £73.80.

Newcastle Going: soft 12.30 (3m hdie) 1. CLYDE RANGER (S 12.40; 5-1); 2. Programmed To Win (P Nuen, 11-4), 3, Rustic Air (M Dwyer, 9-4 (av) ALSO RAN, 8 Lon Of Vienna (pu), 12

E34 82
1.00 (2m i10yd holiej 1, LOCH GARANNE
(D Byrne 8-11 las), 2, Cincult Ring (Poter
Caldwell, 12-1), 3, Jubilitati (C Dennis, 3)11, ALSO Park 5-2 Hazel Crest Hall), 16 Assling Og (6m), 20 Ouslinar Son (pul), Vicardog (6m), 20 Ouslinar S DF 53 30 U.SF \$210 63
1.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1. GALE AGAIN (C
Grant, 5-41. c Clay County (B Storey, 5-6
fav), 3. Southern Minsterle (A Lamesth, 8-1).
3. Southern Minsterle (A Lamesth, 8-1).
3. Southern Of Truth, Cleave Foldy
3.01. W A Stephenson at Beshop Auckland
Totar C7.90 OF C1 60 CSF 12 58. 1087 17-50 FC 60 CSF CS 58.
200 (2m 11/n) Intell 1. PALACEGATE
(ONG (N Berney, 14-1). 2 Masser Of The
Rock (C Hassen; 5-1 al. 50 PAN 15
Hittown Block; 53-1, 5 John Naman (60). 1
Vagly Mason. 20 Hot (16) (16) (2) Dark Marngfit (but 8 m 12. 8). 51 G; 8 A Wirtlams
at Hamida. Tols (20.50). (22.00. 51.40.
51.30 DF. CSS 50 CSF CSZ 70.
230 GM (6) 1. CASCOSED (22.00. 19.50.) 2.30 (3m chi i CAROUSEL CALYPSO IP Niven, 25-11, 2 Strong Sound (C Grant, 180-30), 3 Truely Royal (B Storey, 14-1)

ALSO RAN 6-4 law Helston When (f), 7-4 High Padre (f) 5 ran, NR Westwerd Drift id, 30 M Hammond at Middletram, Tote, \$10.30, \$2.30, \$2.30, \$P\$, \$14.20, \$35; \$90.96 290.96
3.00 (2m af hote) 1, HUDSON BAY TRADER (Mrs & Farrell, 12-1), 2, Tindari II. Wyyr, 9-1) 3, Shoole (5 Smith Eccles, 4-9 fav) ALSO RARE, 7 Huncane Horace, 16 Mayn Bell (4th 25 Tribute To Dad (5th), Scothish Paril 33 Processes Holly (bu), Mr Royal (6th), Almareet h, 65 Wolfswile (bu), Ladyspecku (ba) 12-an Hd, Hd, 67, 11-4 P. Beauman at Brandsby Tote £13 40: 25 50, £1 90 £1.20 DF, £23 70 CSF-106 64 3.30 (2m i 1(yd hdie) 1, SEON (N Bentley, 7-4), 2, Heliopele (C Grent, 13-8 tay); 3, Signor Sassie (B McCourt, 7-1), ALSO RAN 9-2 Fortbearance 4(th), 14 As D'Ebok 15(h) 5 ran 11, 71, 101, 31-1 W Bentley at McCalcham Tore 52 40, 61.20, 61.20 DF: 52 90 CSF 64-86

☐ Jockey David Wilkinson suffered severe bruising after his heavy Kelso fall on Monday and not, as was initially feared, a broken arm. He hopes to resume riding early

SATTERICK BRIDGE MANDARIN 12.50 Alias Silver. 1.20 Sweet Noble. 1.20 Liability Order. 1.50 Phils Pride. 1.50 Vayrua. 2.20 Serphil. 2.20 Dancing Days. 2.50 Armagret. 3.20 PERSUASIVE (nap). 2.50 Choctaw RICHARD EVANS: 3.20 STRONG VIEWS (nap). **GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES)** 12.50 STREETLAM NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,165: 2m) (8 runners) DES- ALIAS SELVER 272 DAIS M Custs) J Curtis 5-11-0.

DETTRIC: 7-4 Alles Silver, 2-1 from Fine, 5-1 Faits Windroc, 8-1 Keep Silver, 10-1 Waynerd Echapel, 16-1 Reliya Stripe, 20-1 Debbury Red, 25-3 Gain March. 1981: ASTON AGAIN 5-11-7 J Calmidan (3-1) G Moore 9 rate

1.20 ELLERTON JUVENILE HOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,165: 2m) (15 runners) BRONA (A MacApping) & Richards 10-12.

ERINY 007 (Lindy Annie Berwinck) J Bostoniky 10-12.

PD PRISY 18 (J McGrant) J J O'Mell 10-12.

HERR SAMSIDE (B Carolin) MW Estantry 10-12.

IORIOA GROCKY (J Parly 1 Parl 10-12.

254 LUMILITY ORDER 17 (J Brown) M Harmond 10-12.

1) ROLLING THE BONES 14 (V) (M Hymnic M Maugriton 10-12.

2 SMEET NOBLE 9 (Berwill Phages Limited) Jermy Pagestid 11 TREMPERIMENTAL 1456 of Transfert Mark & Austria. 3 VERY EVIDENT 13 (I OTLININ) R O'TLININ 18-5 Applied to 1-2
PF SLUSHBIG SOLD 9 (J Grogg) May J Jordan 10-7
EASTERN PHOEDE 44F (T South) R Bur 10-7
BIRD STAR MOVER 95 (P NIMO) W A Stephenson 10-7
STOPROVERTATE SUF (J Card) S Nortest 10-7
4 TITLAN GIFL 14 (B) (R Williamson) Mills L School 10-7

	(COUR	SE S	PECIALISTS	_		
TRAINERS G Rictards James Reparted J J O'Nell J Johnson W A Stephenson G Moore	Whits 18 5 7 18 10	Ans 75 87 28 45 118 72	% 24.0 20.7 17.9 15.6 15.3 13.9	JOCKEYS Mr M Buckley M Doughty M Doyer D Byme J Carlaghan P Meen	Witness 3 16 26 8 9 13	Rides 3 62 103 44 63 93	190. 25 25. 18. 14.

THUNDERER

DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 JULIUS CAESAR CLAIMING STAKES

1 3124 BELATED 25 (F.8) F Hasken 3-9-2 Dale 2 450 BIDAM MASSYRO 8 (F) Mrs. A Swinback 6-8-11 1 3 3 4000 BENTLE HERO (5.0.5) F Holischend 3-8-7 D Herr 4 2000 BENTLE HERO (5.0.5) B Holischend 3-8-7 D Herr 5 0206 APPLEDORN 15 (F.8) B Massylon 5-8-6 8 8 0500 MAD WELGORE 6 (B.C.F.) Mrs. N Magnathy 5-8-6

7 0254 ARC LAMP 88 (C.F.E) J Glowr B-8-5. 3 000- BOLOCENT SECREE 477 C Book 3-8-5. 9 0000 BALLEY GOSEP 58 R Brothston 3-8-1. 0 0211 PRETORC 15 (DOLE) JA Macheton 4-8-0. WOOLAW SIRL A Puts 4-8-0.

12.40 MACBETH MAIDEN STAKES

1.10 KING LEAR CLAIMING STAKES

1 OD MANAGEL 14 (B) S Doming 8-7 S Winbair 1
2 PYTCHLEY DAWN D Monta 8-5 Simples Davids (S) 3
3 3105 JOHO WINFATTH 22 (CD) | Campbel 8-2 G Michael (7) 1
4 001.3 ROOSBEEDESEE 14 (V.D.) M Common 8-1 G Curror 8
5 0000 HERSNESAR 8 S Bouring 8-8 N Kernetsy (S) 7
6 3000 MUSECAL TIMES 8 (B) Airs N Macaday 8-9 Macadates Statis (7) 8

9-4 Spirsh Of Sell, 5-2 Meditionwater, 3-1 Paint The Wind, 13-2 Saleil Reyon, 10-1 Dril Hast Door, 10-1 Astronom Plant, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPES: Necs A Venafield, 5 witness from 15 namers, 33,5%; if Audust, 3 hom 9, 33,3%; if Scott, 4 from 14, 20,6%; j Dunlop, 6 hom 33, 24,2%; i Garron, 53 hom 25, 21,6%.

JONES P. D. Holland, 13 whenes from 45 ridds, 20.9%; Alex Grouve, 53 from 190, 27.5%; Stephen Device, 3 from 19, 15.8%; M Humphien, 5 from 32, 15.6%; W Ryan, 14 from 91, 15.4%; Score 0'Gornes, 22 from 146, 15.1%.

(2-Y-0: £2,490: 6f) (13)

1.50 BOBBY FAULKRER MENORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,010: 2m) (10 numers) | FP2-145 INLLIEA (1986 52 (5) IP Piller) W A Sterbenson 5-17-14
| 479-145 INLLIEA (1986 52 (5) IP Piller) W A Sterbenson 5-17-14
| 479-145 ANMAS 11 (6) IC Machillary G Moore 7-11-4
| 5 COPPER HALL (E South) IN Camarico 6-11-4
| 5 S27-1-09 PMERTICE, 7 (7) IS TO Camp P Machillar 1-14
| 6 4056/P-4 JUST INCREDIBLE 11 (C Booth) J Lingto 6-11-4
| 7 12/PO- PPLS PRIDE 243 (6.5) (A Baymard Juneary Plagmant 5-8
| 479-1409 PRE-ARIS 11 (8.5) (J Hallory) J Hellory 7-11-4
| 9 130-025 VAYRUA 11 (8.5) (J Hallory) J Hellory 7-11-4
| 10 44(1952 DOZY IGSALER) 9 (F Goldenn) Mas J Jandan 5-10-13-1 BETTWG: 9-4 Vayes, 5-2 Prife Pride, 4-1 (Shule King, 8-1 Autos, 18-1 Imenial, Jest Incredible, 12-1 others 1981: PLACESSURG 6-11-18 M Dayer (2-8 far) Jistoy Filografid 7 see

2.20 KIPLIN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,203: 3m 1f 110yd) (18 runners)

2.50 CHARLES VICKERY MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,406; 3m 1f 110yd) (10 runners) S-17.
BETTIME: 7-2 Septeste, 4-1 Armegrat, 5-7 Bow Handy Man, 6-7 Milear Mondy, Clocker, 8-1 Call Me Early, 10-1 Felk Dates, 12-1 is The Pastice, 16-1 offers.

1901: OLD NICK 10-12-0 M Dwyer (106-30 lee) Miles H Bell 7 Rei

3.20 BROMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.534; 2m) (7 numers)

Logy Bandloor: Whitereble 9-9, Charles 8-15, Whiteley Blues 8-8. BETTHIS: E-4 Penutative, 7-4 Strong Vises, 4-1 Tapatch, 10-1 Annier Royal, 16-1 Wittameth, 25-1 cities.

1.40 TANING OF THE SHREW HANDICAP 12.10 Appledom. 12.40 Pipers Reel. 1.10 Splash Of Selt. 1.40 Peak District. 2.10 African Chimes. 2.40 Ballerina Bay. 3.10 Poleden, 12.10 Appledom. 12.40 Pipers Reel. 1.10 Splash Of Salt. 1.40 Island Blade. 2.10 Bold Habit. 2.40 Gymcrak Tycoon. 3.10 Guseie Fink-Nottle.

4-1 Zoom Lats. 9-2 Pant Deptet, 11-2 Shouth Storr, 7-1 Latd Adv. 8-1 Island Blade, 10-1 Maple Bay, 14-1 Malacols, Mingust, 16-1 others. 2.10 JULIUS CAESAR CLAMMING STAKES (DIV IL 22,406: 87) (11) 1 0001 CRECHE & (B.C) May N Marsuley 3-8-7... 2 4612 AFRICAN CHOMES 22 (CD.MF.F) W O'Gom 3 0020 BOTT) HWALL 42 (C.T.C) Mrs 3 yearster 1.9-1 Extra 0.80mms (5) 1

3 0050 BOLD HABIT 48 (C.F.S) Net 3 Remoter 7-5-1
4 3009 FIRMTER SOULADRON 98 (C.F.) Slover 3-2-9-5 D Wellman (S) 3
5 2000 JONAL KATE 5 (CD) 8 Blass 5-6-4 M Habit 5
6 00-0 ULFHOUR 2821 C Donler 3-5-4 — C. Demote Morbal (7) 8
8 50-0 GRAPE BOLGET 389 J January 3-10 Donret Morbal (7) 8
9 0020 GRAPE BOLD LAVY 391 (Right No. 5 Audin 4-7-10 L Darson 1
10 0005 STANSHAW 8 8 Mechanis 3-7-10 — J Branchs (7) 10
11 0005 STANSHAW 8 Mechanis 3-7-10 — J Branchs (7) 10
7-4 Million Claimes, 11-4 Bald Habit, 4-1 Cache, 5-1 Cache Ferrara, 12-1 others. 11-4 Belated, 3-1 Application, 9-2 Protonor, 6-1 Multi Widolame, 8-1 Gentle Haro, 12-1 Estateligh, 16-1 Arc Caron, 20-1 collect. 2.40 KING HENRY VI HANDICAP (\$2,448: 1m) (14).

3.10 HAMLET NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,385: 7f) (7) 1 601 POLEDIEN 15 600) A Soite 9-7
2 4500 THE ATHERING 23 M Youngless 8-10
3 0622 BUSSEE FIRM-FORTULE 8 (BF) T Genom 8-4
6 6024 MESTEP BLAKE 5 W O'Gomen 8-3
0 000 MSS OFFE 22 H Withersheat 8-1
6 6000 FIRE CLUBS 5 H Withersheat 8-1
7 0800 CZARD 68 A Polts 7-7

2-1 Ganele First Abitis, 11-4 Poledon, 3-1 Milying Shake, 8-1 The Africting, 12-1 Fire Chalos, 16-1 Closed, 20-1 Miles Offic. Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 1 10 Musical Times. 1.40 Bridge Player, Glasgow 2.10 Gozosland Lady.

Pressure put on VAT issue

THE Jockey Club is determined that pressure must be maintained on the government over the controversial question of VAT on horses while the new British Horseracing Board is being set up (Michael Seely writes). "Lord Hartington, the senior steward, has undertaken to keep the impetus going until the Board becomes property constituted," said Jockey Club spokesman David Pipe yesterday.

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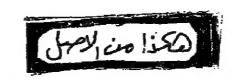
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To date the government has turned a deaf ear to arguments that keeping the rate on bloodstock at 17.5 per cent is crippling an industry which, if the bookmakers are also taken into account, is the sixth largest labour-force in the country.
But there have been signs

that cracks in the unyielding facade of government indifference are starting to appear. Last week, the employment committee heard evidence on the subject from a team headed by Christopher Haines, the Jockey Club's chief executive. Yesterday, the committee was questioning customs and excise on the





Sheringham shoots for elimination of Forest

By Louise Taylor

TEDDY Sheringham aims to punish Nottingham Forest when he returns to the City Ground in Tottenham Hotspur colours for tonight's Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie. It is the first time Sheringham, who helped Forest reach the finals of the Rumbelows and Zenith Data Systems Cups last season, has faced Brian Clough's side since he joined the Tottenham attack for £2 million three months ago.

Allied with the lack of a

commanding central defender, Forest's disappointing Premier League form has been largely down to the absence of a goal-scoring centre forward — the role Sheringham performed last season.

Forest have reached the final of the League Cup three times in the last four years and have lost only two of their last 36 games in the competition. They won the tournament in 1989 and 1990 and lost to Manchester United in last season's final. Coincidentally, the semi-final was against Tottenham, when Sheringham scored in the 1-1 draw at the City Ground before Forest went on to win the tie 2-1 at White Hart Lane.

Sheringham scored 22 times last season as Forest finished eighth in the league and Clough has conceded he has, as yet, failed to find a replacement. "It was a great compliment to hear that I am being missed. I had a great year there," Sheringham said. Bottom of the Premier

League, Forest lost at home to Southampton on Saturday, but Clough said: "We have dusted ourselves down and very much want to add to a record in this competition that we are very proud of." Forest will be without Neil

Webb, who is cup-tied, but Stuart Pearce, the England captain, definitely starts. Pearce has come in for some criticism from the City Ground crowd, but Clough yesterday gave his captain a vote of confidence.

"I heard someone in the crowd ask the skipper if he was trying on Saturday," Clough said. "But if there is one person who does not deserve any stick, it is him. In the history of this club no one has put in more, in terms of sheer enthusiasm and Chelsea at home.

FROM PETER BALL

IN LISBON

TWENTY-six years ago, the

Estadio da Luz here was the

scene of the finest display by

an English club side in

Europe. Manchester United

beat Benfica 5-1, with George

Best announcing his arrival

There was to be no repeat

last night as Benfica honoured their greatest play-

er from that or any other era,

Eusebio. United subsided

meekly to a 1-0 defeat, a

main point of reference in an

as a star on the world stage.

commitment, than Stuart Pearce. Of course he is trying his socks off and for the life of me I just cannot understand why anyone should direct any criticism at him after what he has done for this club."

Trevor Francis will have two teams to be proud of tonight when his present Sheffield Wednesday side runs out against his former Queens Park Rangers players at Hillsborough. Gerry Francis, who is now in charge of Rangers, has taken the credit for pushing them into the title race, but Trevor believes he left Gerry with a springboard for success when he was sacked from Loftus Road three years

ago. Trevor signed Ray Wilkins. David Andy Sinton and David Bardsley, and all have figured in Rangers' outstanding season. He also believes he is due credit for the development of Les Ferdinand, now on the international fringes. "When you are sacked you are regarded as a failure." Trevor said.
"So I'll go down as a failure at QPR, but not everything I did was bad. A few good things have been conveniently brushed under the carpet."

Dalian Atkinson returns to Ipswich Town, where he began his career, in the claret and blue of Aston Villa for another fourth-round tie. Atkinson and Dean Saunders will want to add to the 15 goals they have collected in 11 matches for Villa after failing to score in the last two.

During last Saturday's defeat at home to Norwich City, Villa were frustrated by the East Anglian's five-man de-fence and Ron Atkinson, their manager, said: "We have got to learn to deal with blanket defences. Our two front men have got to work harder at it, and, to be fair, they have got to be able to expect help from the midfield."

Alan Shearer, who has scored 17 for Blackburn Rovers this season, is having intensive treatment on an ankle injury in an attempt to be fit for his team's tie at home to Watford - the third-round conquerors of Leeds United. Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, will face increasing questions as to his future at Goodison Park

new signing, Eric Cantona.

showed no signs that the team

had been touched by any

lingering magic from previ-

ous enthralling encounters between the clubs. Memories

of those games persuaded

Eusebio to select United as his

own club's opponents for his testimonial. "It was a great

honour to be invited," Alex

Ferguson said, "and we were

just glad to be part of

stadium half-full in the winter

The football hardly lived up



Pep talk: Roly Howard, the Marine manager, chats with his strike force, Chris Camden and Brian Ross, right

Big get-together at Rossett Park

FA CUP

on the way to the FA Trophy semi-finals last season.

Yet the cramped confines of

the ground may be a barrier

to further progress. When, 12

years ago, Marine joined the Northern Premier League,

they were told to move back a

railing around the pitch.

There was no room and the

ground became "three sided".

Dugouts back on to a mesh

fence that protects gardens identified, for ball retrieval,

By WALTER GAMMIE

MARINE football club has a pleasingly old-fashioned feel. Wander past the shops in College Road, Crosby, and you stumble across the Rossett Park ground, squeezed among red-bricked rows of houses. The club fits snugly into its community. snugly into its community. Under the guidance of their

inspirational manager, Roly Howard, appointed in March 1972, Marine are established among the top handful in the HFS Loans League and take on Stafford Rangers in the FA Cup second round on Saturday knowing Stafford were one of their three GM

"Purchasing 26 or 27 houses is out of the question," Tom Culshaw, the chairman, aid. "The alternative is movsaid. "The afternative is moving, but no one wants that."
He will shortly submit to the conference plans to redevelop the ends of the ground, and hopes it will be enough.
On the field, Howard has unwaveringly insisted on high standards. Culshaw remembers the being a standards.

bers him virtually taking over the manager's job through irresistible enthusiasm and hard work after joining Marine as an assistant in 1969. His partnership with his assistant, Roger Patience, formerly with Southport, has lasted 17 years. "We have a telepathy." Howard said. Learning when to walk away and when to take issue with Culshaw, chairman for 15 years, has been an equally important help.

As Howard pops up his ladder to shine Kenny Dalglish's windows on a round that includes Steve McMahon. Ronnie Whelan and Tony Cottee in the Birkdale footballers' enclave, the Marine manager knows his place. Yet if his new, formidable pairing in attack of Brian Ross and Chris "Buffalo" Camden help to conjure victory over Stafford, Howard's place will be in the third-round draw alongside Liverpool. Everton and Black-

Uefa Cup entry may rise to 96 clubs

CHANGES in the political spectrum across Europe have forced Uefa, European football's governing body, to undertake a fundamental review of its main tournaments. The increase in the number of countries within Europe has, inevitably, led Uefa to consider increasing the number of teams it includes in its competitions.

Hard on the heels of this week's decision to double the number of teams playing in the final stages of the European championships from eight to 16 in 1996, Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, confirmed yesterday that the Uefa Cup entry may be increased from 64 to 96 clubs. Ucfa's membership has inshould his side fail to beat

creased dramatically since the

unmemorable debut for their sun, the best football and the them, but the sight of

greatest emotion came in the

tugal and a Rest of the World

team which preceded the

main event. Eusebio left the

field with tears streaming

down his face half-way

through the veterans' match

after a circuit of honour and

was on the bench as Rivelino

and Bobby Charlton com-

World team an equaliser.

bined to bring the Rest of the

Sadly, in the main game

there was no one with

Rivelino's velvet touch to cre-

ate the openings, nor with

Eusebio's power to finish

Cantona apart, United - veterans' match between Por-

Cantona debut overshadowed as veterans honour Eusebio

break-up of the old political order in eastern Europe. It now has 37 full member associations and seven provisional members, including Armenia and Beiarus, which were admitted at the Uefa executive committee meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. With Azerbaijan and

Moldova as associate members and with Kazakhstan. Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kirgyzstan also considering applications in the future, Ueta is heading towards a membership in excess of 50. Yugoslavia are still suspended, however, and been competing in European competitions this season, the country itself is not a member.
"The Uefa family is grow-

Benfica's Russians cutting

through United's defence in

swathes can have done noth-

ing for Ferguson's peace of

Apart from one or two

bursts by Kanchelskis and

Giggs, there was little to be

seen of United's attack.

Cantona looked competent,

which was all he could hope

for in the circumstances, and

there were signs that when he

settles in, his touch and ability

to thread the ball accurately

through little holes and from

acute angles will be appreciat-

ed by his colleagues.

ing," Johansson told a news conference Johansson said an extraordinary Uefa congress next June would decide on the admission of Belarus, Armenia and the other provisional members - Croatia, Georgia, Russia, Slovenia and Ukraine – as full members. A venue had still to be fixed.

Uefa's decision to double the number of finalists in the European championship means Denmark, the surprise winners of this year's tournament in Sweden, will probably be given an automatic berth as holders in line with several other leading international although Israeli clubs have competitions. The winners of all previous European championships have had to go through the qualifying stages of the subsequent tournament.

But as an exercise to find a

narmer for him it was an

abortive afternoon. In the first

half, McClair played as if in

deep depression and when

Hughes came on after the

interval, the two hardly had a

kick as Benfica dominated the

The only surprise was that it

took them until the 81st

minute to turn their superior-

ity to account and the goal will have done nothing to improve

Schmeichel's mood. A long

shot from Kennedy bounced

off him and Costas was first

there to ram home the

A spokesman for the Foot-ball Association, which will organise the 1996 finals, said the organisation was happy with the decision. "We feel that we have the ability and facilities to stage a 16-nation tournament. This is also good news for our clubs," David Bioomfield said.

The FA had originally earmarked four grounds - Wembley. Old Trafford, Villa Park. and, probably, Elland Road for an eight-team tournament. It must now find four more 40,000 minimum all-seater grounds for the 31-match three-week tournament, with Goodison Park, the City Ground in Nottingham, Highbury and Sunderland's planned new stadium among the leading contenders.

Waterloo bet on local knowledge for cup derby day

RUGBY UNION

WATERLOO'S reward for ejecting Bath, the holders, from this season's Pilkington Cup is a home tie with Orrell

— runners-up to Bath in last
season's league championship. In a remarkable fourthround draw at Twickenham yesterday, this was one of four derby matches to emerge, which at least ensures allround geographical interest in

the quarter-finals.
"We now have to face a team who know us a lot better - and we know them," Nick Allott, the Waterloo captain. said. Like Waterloo, three of the favourites for the competition - Harlequins, Wasps and Northampton — will play at home on January 23.

The fourth remaining

giants, Leicester, must make the short trip north to Notting-ham, whom they have not played in the cup since 1971, the inaugural year, when Leicester lost 10-3. It will be their sixth away tie in succes-sion, though the last time they played in the cup at home, in January 1991, they lost to Wasps. Leicester have now played 41 cup matches away and only 22 at Welford Road. With the demise of Bath, Bristol and Gloucester, the West Country banner is borne by Exeter and Redruth, who were drawn against each other. They keep the third division flag flying and the traditional Devon-Cornwall rivalry will add spice to the occasion. If the league result of September is any guide, ExeFOURTH ROUND

awed by the company they are keeping. John Baxter, their chairman, believes the club's role in the life of the city is more firmly founded than for many years.

"There is something successful happening in a city hit hard by the recession," Baxter said. Exeter are playing attractive rugby, gates have risen to above 1,500 and they plan to extend their clubhouse, as well as using a £75,000 Sports Council grant on their stand and surrounds.

The fourth round will be free of alternative attractions: rounds two and three coincided with, respectively, the England B v South Africa match and the Barbarians against Australia. Next season, when the competition is enlarged. the only clash will be with England's game against New Zealand on November 27. before the entry of first and second division dubs. The new formula will allow

96 clubs to participate, 20 more than this season. Thus all clubs in the new fifth division north and south will gain automatic entry and there will be four rounds played before Christmas.

Gerry Murphy, the former assistant to Ciaran Fitzgerald. has been appointed coach of Ireland and made a selector following Fitzgerald's resigna-

YACHTING

ter should go through, having

won 20-9, though this time

they will be away from home.

Not that Exeter are over-

Weather at Cape worsens

Cape Horn: The Cape finally lost its charm yesterday as a depression swept in from the southern ocean, bringing with it a force ten gale and rain squalls (Barry Pickthall writed These wars more like writes). These were more like the conditions crews competing in the British Steel Challenge race around the world have been led to expect, and none of those to round this infamous Cape yesterday was

disappointed.

Vivien Cherry and her crew on Coopers & Lybrand fol-lowed Nuclear Electric and Commercial Union round in pitch darkness and were followed in the afternoon by Hofbrau Lager and British Steel II. Behind them last night Ian MacGillivray's crew on Pride of Teesside was enjoying a battle royal against Heath Insured. "We've got Heath in sight, less than a one mile ahead. We could be the first to be match racing this way round Cape Horn," Pride's skipper said. The two yachts rounded the Cape at 19.30 GMT, less than five minutes apart.

The first to arrive here yesterday, shortly after midnight, was Coopers & Lybrand. "All we saw was a dark lump in the night, but we held up a blackboard and photographed the words Cape Horn," Cherry said. ☐ Report sent via STC satel-

IN BRIEF

Brain meets **RFU** over inducements

STEVE Brain, the former England hooker, met officials of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) at Twickenham yesterday, after making allegations in The Times six weeks ago about clubs offering illegal inducements to players.

Brain, 37, who plays for Rugby, was one of several people interviewed. The RFU has threatened to intensify legislation to stamp out the practice of clubs offering inducements to poach players.

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Double back

Rugby league: Peter Williams, of Salford, is set to achieve the remarkable double of being capped by England at rugby union and by Wales at rugby league after joining the Welsh squad for the international in France on Sunday week.

Last-gasp success

American football: John Kasay kicked a 33-yard field goal in overtime to give the Seattle an improbable 16-13 victory over Denver on Monday night.

Bell setback

Skiing: Britain's hopes for the World Cup downhill season, which begins in Val d'Isére on Friday, were hit yesterday when Martin Bell fractured a

FOR THE RECORD

thumb in training. Bell is not yet counting himself out.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

yellow card providing the to the occasion. With the

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated Coca-Cola Cup Fourth round Aston Villa v Ipswich (7.45) .. Blackburn v Watlord (7.45) .. Everion v Chelsea
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(all ticket, 7.45)
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Group A Cesena v Birmingham (7 15).... **Autoglass Trophy** First round Scottish League Premier division

First division Duntermine v Morton..... St Mirren v Cowdenbeath...... DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Chesham v Aylesbury. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Colwyn Bay v Mossley: Horwich v Accrington Stanley. v Accrington Stanley.

BUDWEISER CUP: Semi-final: Bellymena v Distillery (at Solitude, 7.45). mena v Distriery (at SORDOE, 7-45).
KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Cwmbran v Abergavenny; Lianelli v Afan Lido; Mold v Newtown, Porthmadog v Conwy.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Past division (7.0 unless stated): Bernsley v Bolton; Leeds v Lacester, Rotherham v Wolverhampion Second division; Derby v Port Vale; Huddersfield v Mansfield (7.30); Preston v Eventon; Scunthorpe v Coventry, York v Burnley, Postponed; Bradford v Grimsby.

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GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Bristol Manor Farm. Les Phillips Cup: Bideford v Crediton; Torrington v Elmore.

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RUGBY UNION McEwan's Scottish inter-district championship Scottish Exiles v Glasgow (at London Scottish, 2.15).

Club matches London frish v The Army (7.30) Metropolitan Police v RAF (7.30) Sale v Loughborough Students (7.15) Tour match

British Pol v NZ Combined Services BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mon: First division: Oldham Celtics v Cheshire Jets OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS

IAAF mix-up delays open sprint meeting

THE meeting of leading professional and amateur sprint-ers in Scotland, scheduled for the New Year Sprint at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh, has been put on ice after a misunderstanding be-tween officials of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (LAAF).

Despite the fact that amateurs and professionals have competed in Australia for some years, the IAAF, after giving the go-ahead, has said such competition must await approval from its congress meeting in August.

Tony Ward, a spokesman for the British Athletics Federation (BAF), refuted reports that the blame for the mix-up correspondence confirming a go-ahead. There has been a misunderstanding between IAAF officials about what was agreed at a recent meeting. We regret this delay in coming to terms with reality."

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Seattle Sephawks 16, Deriver Broncos 13 GREY CUP: Calgary Stampeders 24, Winnipeg Blue Bombers 10

BOWLS

COATBRIDGE: CIS Insurence Scottish Indoor singles championship: Semi-finals: D Hendry (Perth) bt J Caswell (Dundes), 7-2, 6-7, 7-8. A Mitne (Aberdeen) bt G Wati (Fraserburgh), 2-7, 7-8, 7-2 CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Leaders after first day (Switzerland unless stated): 1, A Beffi and P Brocletto (ft, 54tos; 2, U Freuler and O Pieters (Holl), 46; 3, S John and W Stut-34; 4, B Ris and K Betchart, 28; 5, E de Wilde (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den), 12. FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 2, Brighton () INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CUP: Forest 6, Lancing 3. TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Benika 1, Herzfys).
The following marches were postponed:
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round replays: Southport 1, Morecambe 3, Stevenage 4, Harrow 0 O'MENDEN PAPERS COMPENATION: First division: Crystal Palace 0, Weitlord 2 HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division, Postporned: Southport v Fleetwood, First division: Worksop Town 0, Harrogate Town 3, Postporned: Cesmarton Town v Ashton Utd.

GOLF

LA MANGA, Spain: Johnnie Walter European men's team championship: Second round (top two count act day) 265: Sociand (G Or, 84, 65; K Sables, 67, 59; K Walter, 68, 71). 272: Ausmie (M Burger, 71, 65; C Generie, 67, 69; M Lamer, 80, 75; 275: heland (D Jones, 69, 67; 8 Todd, 77, 69; B Hamall, 70, 79) 277: Sweden (T Lundahl, 69, 69, J Wittbold; 89, 73; S Stenes, 72, 70; Holland (T Gles, 70, 68; B Gee, 73, 70; J Wood, 69, 71) 279: Norway (D Loyd, 70, 75; J Uppard, 67, 67, G Midnivage, 73, 82, England; J Hossicon, 71, 70; A Collison, 69, 70; C Hat, 75, 72) 280: Finand (E Vellmaa, 71, 69, M Foreman, 72, 69; R Soravuo, 71, 73; 282: Wales (C Evans, 67, 73, D Vaughan, 73, 72 M Benjamin, 78, 70].

SONY WORLD RANKONGS: 1, N Falco (GB), 22 77pts; 2, F Couples (US), 16 36, 3, B Langer (Ger), 13, 47; 4, 1 Woosnam (GB), 11, 55, J M Otacábel (Sp.), 12, 19, 6, 6 Norman (Aus), 12, 00, 7, N Proc (Zimi, 11, 65, 8, P Azinger 11, 10, 9, 10 Cook (US), 10, 77, 10, D Love III (US), 10, 45; 11, 1 Nate (US), 9, 72; 12, S Bediserson (Sp.), 968, 13, M O'Meara (US), 9, 51; 14, R Floyd (US), 18; 6, M Czald (Lépan), 917; 18, C Pawn (US), 898; 17, B Letche (US), 845; 18, S Eldington (Aus), 7,89, 19, M McNuty (Zim), 768; 20, C Montgomene (GB), 748 GOLF

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington Capitals 4, Detroit Red Wings 1, Montreal Carradient 3, Buffalo Sabres 0; Minnesota North Stars 4, New York Rangery 2: Boston Bruins 4, Quebec Nordiques 3

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RACKETS LACOSTE AMATEUR SINGLES CHAMP-IONSHIP: Second round: W Boon bt J Fensly, 15-6, 15-5, 15-8: S Davis bt C Anderson 15-4, 15-5, 15-0 REAL TENNIS

Cantona: cautioned

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RUGBY UNION UNIVERSITY MATCH: Cambridge LX Club Oniversity water Cambridge Dr. Cool 3, Oxford Greyhounds 7, Stortool 8, Rochester 20, Mardstone GS 24, Rochester Maths 3, Dantord GS 13 18-group: Herefordshire 11, Greater Bimmigham 15, Shropehire 6, Staffordshire 10.

12, 15-7, 15-8; A Hands (Eng) bt M Carria (Eng), 15-13, 15-5, 15-8; A Davis (Wales) bt Carrier Zarman (Pald, 15-6, 15-2, 15-8; P Marshell (Eng) bt Farhan Sarniulleh (Pal), 15-7, 15-10, 4-15, ret, P Wilcock (Eng) by Abdul Fahim (HK), 15-6, 15-9, 15-8; R Norman (NZ) bt Ghaus ur Rahman (Pal), 15-7, 11-15, 15-9, 15-5; H Wiens (Ger) bt T Nancarow (Aus), 15-4, 16-8, 10-3, ret, Jahangir Khan (Pal) bt S Boporo (Fn), 15-5, 15-7, 15-5; C Walker (Eng) bt B Beeson (Eng), wo: R Martin (Aus) bt M Carlyon (Aus), 15-11, 15-14, 13-15, 15-7; M Maclesin (Scot) bt Hamid Hussein (Pal), 15-5, 15-10, 15-9; D Meddings (Eng) bt D Hamis (1-15) (Eng), 15-10, 14-17, 15-10, 15-15; E Mentin (Aus) bt G Wilson (Eng), 13-15, 15-12, 15-8, 15-5

VOLLEYBALL Royal Bank English League Man's first division

Women's first division Woolwich Bridgen. Wooning. Sale ... Britannia Hackney ... Dynamo London ... KLEA Leeds ... Ashcombe Dorlang ...

TELFORD: LTA winter indoor county championships: Men: Group one: Yorkshine 8, Hampeshire and lake of Wight 0, Lencashine 6, Durtharn and Cleveland 0 Champions: Yorkshire. Relegated: Hampshire and lake of Wight and Durtham and Cleveland. Women: Group one: Surrey 5, Essex 4, Lancashire 5, Norfolk 1, Champions: Lancashire Relegated: Essex and Norfolk.

ATP: Rankings: 1, J Courier (US), 3,599pts:

S Edberg (Swe), 3,236, 3, P Sampres (US), 3,074; 4, 6 heansever (Cro), 2,718; 5, B Becker (Ger), 2,530, 8, M Chang (US), 2,277, 7, P Korda (CS), 2,174, 8, 1 Lendi (US), 1,985; 9, A Agassi (US), 1,985; 10, R Krajcok (Hof), 1,816. Money-winners; 1, Edberg, \$2,341,804, 2, Becker, \$2,293,697.
 Courier, \$2,253,385, 4, Sampres, \$1,450,697, 5, heansever, \$1,408,241; 6. Korda, \$1,050,283; 7, Agasse, \$1,027,834; 8, Landt \$961,566; 9, Chang, \$324,467, 10, M Stich (Ger), \$777,411.

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(5517647) 4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (7579482) 4.20 Watt
on Earth. Science fiction comedy thriller (s) (2477685) 4.35 [peo

Facto. Adam Moss and Tully Mudahar meet people with obsessions. (Ceefax) (s) (5272463)

5.00 Newsround (2961463) 5.10 Grange Hill. Secondary school drama series (8621289) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (741666). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (89) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (69). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Eldorado. (Ceetax) (s) (5983)



Tuning in to Truro's Pirate FM: Howard Stableford (7.30pm)

7.30 Tomorrow's World, Includes Howard Stableford at a Cornish radio station that uses a computer to select and play the music and jingles; and a report on the controversy surrounding a blaze four years ago that almost devastated America's Yellowstone Park. (Ceefax) (s) (53)

8.00 Trainer. The final episode of the drama serial set in the world of

horse-racing. (Ceetas) (s) (639395) 8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (517937)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk (Ceelex) Regional News and weather (8550)

9.30 Pole to Pole. Michael Palin continues his north to south odyssey and in Johannesburg discovers that there are no spaces left in the ship sailing from Cape Town to the Antarctic. (Ceefax) (623735) 10.20 Sportsniight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Boding: Riddick Bowe in a recorded interview in the United States, Lennox Lewis responds live in the studio. Plus action from the ABA contest

responds live in the studio. Plus action from the ASA comest between England and ireland at Everton Park Sports Centre; Football: a round-up of the weekend's games (1448901)

11.35 Magic of the Musicals. The first of a two-part concert starring Marti Webb and Mark Rattray singing numbers from the world's top musicals (s) (329208) 12.30am Westher (5892680). Ends at 12.35

2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (541154) 3.15 Legal Network Television Preview (31067). Ends at 3.45 4.00 TV Edits: Deutschland Heute 4 (5401390). Ends at 4.50

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BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5592376) 8.15 We 9.00 Stx Scottish Burghs. The history of Thurso (96802)
9.30 Film: Make Mine Mink (1960, bw) starting Teny-Thomas. Warm
hearted ferce directed by Robert Asher (78111269)
11.10 Film: The Sun Shines Bright (1953, bw). The John Ford season

J Plans 1 me sum shares singht (1955, Crv). The John Ports season continues with what he considered his favourite — a re-make of Judge Priest — starring Charles Winninger (3132685) great Little Railways A journey along the White Pass and Yukon railroad, known as the Goldrush line (r). (Ceefad, (1530550)

1.20 Greenclaws. Young children's entertainment (†) (40610734) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace. A new 13-part senes name

Magnus Magnusson shout life in the 1940s and 1950s (37780956)

2.00 News and weather (89557937) 2.05 Ted Harrison. A portrait of one of Canada's leading artests (r) (44838685) 2.35 Country File Rural issues examined by John Craven (r) (9106395)

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3.00 News and weather (7068734) 3.05 Westminister Live (9415289)
3.50 News, regional news and weather (6218647)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths, hosted by Paul Coia (s) (82)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. With Linda Agtan (66)
5.00 Where Are They All Going? A report on the M6, the north of Britain's busiest motorway (8579) 5.30 The History Man. Bryan McNerney visits South Crofty in mine in Cornwall (221753)
5.35 Landscapes of England. Professor W.G. Hoskins, who died earlier this year, explores the never-ending battle between the sea and shore on the bleak north Norfolk coastline (r) (749208)
6.00 Start Trake Classic science fiction adventures starting William

and since on the olean north norther coastille (†) (749205 6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction adventures starring Shather and Leonard Nimoy (f). (Ceetax) (525647) 6.50 DEF II: Rough Guide to the World's Islands. Magenta I and Rajan Datar visit New Zealand (s) (941821) ands. Magenta De Vine



Redundant in the face of automation: Tony Elvers (7.40pm)

7.40 Open Space: Lighthouse Keepers.

● CHOICE: Tony Elvers, keeper of The Needles lighthouse off the Isle of Wight, offers a lament for his fast-disappearing creft. Trinity House, which is responsible for the 22 lighthouses around the coast of the co of England and Wales, has decided to automate them. The Needles is one of the few still operated by humans and Elvers and his two fellow keepers face redundancy in a matter of months. He is the first to concede that it is an unusual life, cut off from the rest of the world, not least his family, for 28 days at a time. His wife says it is worse for her than it is for him. He at least has a couple of chaps for company, while she is sluck in a flat on her own. Elvers, though, says the job has become part of him. He offers an absorbing behind-the-scenes glimpse of the keeper's job, a big part of which is adjusting to the fact that time passes slowly. (Ceetax) (s) (153208). Followed by Advent Calendar. The second of 24 memorable moments from Christmases past culled from the BBC's archives. (Ceefact 8.10 Bookmark: Epic of Pabuji.

CHOICE: H.O. Nazareth's film visits north-west India to record what could be the dying embers of a great tradition of oral epic drama. Blending dance and music, and played out against vividity painted backdrops, the epic of Pabuji is about a prince who achieved the status of a god. The performances are given by normadic priests and can last 12 hours without a break. But the epic, a microcosm of Hindu culture, is under threat. The spread of literacy is undermining the oral tradition and television offers alternative drama at the touch of a button. The priest-performers are being forced to find other employment. One took a cleaning job, another drives a rickshaw. It may be difficult for Western audiences to appreciate the power of the work, though the film does convey

some of its vitality and colour (626821)

9.00 M*A*S*H. Hawkeye takes advantage of a break from the operating table to write a letter to his father (r). (Ceefax) (108579)

9.25 Nice Town. The final episode of the cornedy drama about a young couple's efforts to start a family Starring Paul McGann and Josette Simon. (Ceefax) (s) (705227)

10.25 Fifth Column. A personal view of a current controversy (553550)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (288227)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (941444)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (611376) 12.25am Weather (1279425)

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (5920227) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz game hosted by Alistair Divall (6105734) 9.55 Thames News (9688821)

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Discussion programme (9242802) 10.35 This Morning. Magezine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madelsy (25495685) 12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (r) (s) (6607647)

12.30 [TN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (1547840) 1.05 Thames News (40635043) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama sensi. (Oracle) (977043) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (976314)

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2.15 Graham Kerr. The chef prepares fillet of beef Benadict (968395)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama (9199005)
3.10 TTN News headlines (7069840) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7068111) 3.20 The Young Doctors Orama senal (3986444)
3.50 Bugs Burmy. Cartoon (r) (2366127) 3.55 Rupert the Bear (5247821) 4.20 Grotbags starring Carol Lee Scott (r) (s) (2453005)
4.40 The Tomotrow People. Science fiction drama about three young people marooned on an island. (Oracle) (8367260)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (3652258)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (912227)
5.55 Thames Help (r) (237314)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (85)
6.30 Thames News (37)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel brings a lump to the throat of another unsuspecting worthy (s) (5869)

another unsuspecting worthy (s) (5869) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (21) g.00 Des O'Cornor Tonight. The entertainer's guests are Diana Ross, Julia McKenzie and Jim Davidson (s) (2005)



Sketching wildlife at close hand: Wolfgang Weber (8.00pm)

9.00 Survival Special: A Brush With Nature.

 CHOICE: The cameraman Dieter Plage is no stranger to wildlife films, having made more than 60 for the Survival series alone. This time, however, he looks at wildlife not only through his own camera but through the eyes of an artist, Wolfgang Weber has made a speciality of drawing animals in the wild. His method is to fill his notebook with black and white sketches which are transformed into watercolours in his studio to the strains of classical music. wetercolours in his studio to the strains of classical music. Speeded-up photography is used to show how the paintings take shape. Weber is not alraid to get in close. In the Galapagos Islands he has see-lion pups climbing over him and he even sketches underwater, using greasy chalk on a plastic sheet. In Alaska he finds himself in perilous proximity to brown bears and in Nepal only yards away from a pair of tigers. (Oracle) (2869)

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (16161) 10.30 Thames News (888885)

10.40 Aids Update 92. Ruby Wax with disturbing stories of HIV-infected women who have slipped through the net of both medical and social services (121043)

19.50 Film: Mesquerade (1988) starring Rob Lowe and Meg Tilly. Romantic suspense thriller about an expert young yachtsman, hired by a man to crew his bost who falls for the advances of the man's bored, heireas wite. His employer ostensibly turns a blind eye to the

atfair but secretly plots her demise in order to inheat her fortune. Directed by Bob Swaim (s) (55252444)

12.30am Hollywood Report, Showbusiness gossip (26405)

1.00 Film: Monte Walsh (1970) staming Lee Marvin and Jack Palance, Melancholy western drama about a veteran cowboy finding it difficult to come to terms with progress. Based on the novel by Jack Shaeler, author of Share. Directed by William A. Fraker (493406) 2.45 America's Top Ten (8) (29222)

3.15 Videofashion. News from the world of fashion (40333203) 3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (39316262)

4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western triusic from Nashville Tennessee (f) (s) (60972999) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (23098721)

5.00 Three's Company. American domestic comedy (27796) 5.30 ITN Morning News (56135). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (45314) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74163). 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s)

(5101289) 9.25 Film: Hollywood Cantson (1944, b/w) stanng Robert Hutton and Joan Lestie. Second world war musical morale-boostar about a wounded GI who meets his dream girl. Directed by Deliner Dayes

(11003181)
11.45 Preside Album. Animated film in which a worten recalls her

11.45 Prairie Album. Animated film in which a world recalls her chidhood on a farm (1951227)
12.00 The Partiament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (55014)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is singer Joe Williams (57668) 1.30 (Surrecks's Castile. Young people's entertainment (5059)
2.00 Film: No Trees in the Street (1959, b/w) staming Sylvia Sims and Harbert Lom. Melodramatic tale of London low life immediately prior to the second world war. A mother pressuress her daughter to many a local petry criminal and urges her son to work for him, but things do not go according to plan. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (580688)

3.45 Topspin. A game of table-terms set to music (5519005) 4.00 Family Pride. Soep about a Midlands-based Asian family (50)
4.30 Fitteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (8) (34)
5.00 The Oprah Windrey Show. The guests are people who have acquired special powers after having near-death experiences

(9222901) 5.55 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's series, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (235956) 6.00 Tressure Hunt. Anneka Rice is in the Hertfordshire countryside

searching for hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (36918)
7.00 Charmel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (370579)
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician (556531)
8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (a)

(2531)
8.30 Travelog. Pete McCarthy travels from St Petersburg to Moscow and Animatita Forna goes by train from Moscow to the Tashkent lakes. (Teletext) (s) (1666)

9.00 Dispatiches. An investigation into whether the closure of 31 coal mines as now inevitable because the market for electricity has been rigged. With contributions from Lord Parkinson, Ian MacGregor, Neil Clarke of British Coal, John Baker of National Power. Dr Heinz Hom, president of the German Coal Manufacturers Association and



At one with nature: Penny Gonshaw flees the city (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies: Gale.

• CHOICE: According to the Gala theory of James Lovelock, the planet Earth is a living being with the sun, moon, sea and fire as elements of its character. Maxim Ford's film, the last in the present Short and Curiles series, picks up the theme with the story of a young woman (Penny Gonshaw) who escapes from an urban not and is transported into a world of nature. This simple idea is and is transported into a world of nature. This sample idea is explored in a film which eachews dialogue and relies on the power of its images, enforced by an urgent and insistent musical sound track. Many of the images are memorable, notably the scudding clouds, the crash of a waterfall and the sun setting over the horizon. They evoke a state of nature that is clean, fresh and alive, beguiling and engulfing the lone human figure (s) (967444)

10.00 The Golden Girts. More comedy from the hillartous Miami matrons. (Teleted) (s) (38383)

10.30 Hale and Pace. Comedy sketches starring Gareth and Norman (/) 11.00 The Prisoner. Cult drama series from the 1960s devised by and

starting Patrick McGochan (r). (Teletext) (90289)

12.00 The Stave Allen Show (b/w). The guests are Frankle Laine and Audrey Meadows (53048)

12.30am The Best of the Worst. Emberrassing clips from American

television (s) (7436154) 12.55 Film: Saggar (1955), Handi drama of romance and class conflict. Starring Dimple, Kishi Kapoor and Kemai Hasan, Directed by Ramesh Sippy (26047357). Ends at 4.10

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RADIO 3

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(Nosam: Butages So that Gyorgy Lehel) 9,00 Composer of the Week: Robert Schurnarn at Dresden. Sperische Lebestieder. Op 138: Der Wassermann, Op 91 No 3; Piano Trio No 1 in D minor, Op 63

Midweek Cholce: Handel (Organ Concerto, Op 4 No 5: Daniel Chorzempa: Concerto Daniel Chorzempa: Concerto Amsterdam under Jaap Schröder: So shall the lute and harp awake, Judas Maccabaeus: Principals of the Los Angeles Orchestra, with Beijun Mehta, soprano); Saint-Saëns (Morceau de Concert, Op 154: English CO under Edmon Colorner, with Vanessa McKeand, harp); Mozart (Dalla sua pace, Don Giovanni: Richard Tauber, tenor, with orchestra — in German), Chopin (Variations on Lá cidarem la mano from Don Giovanni, Op 2: Shura Cherkassky, plano). Cherkassky, piano). Stenhammar (Midwinter, Op

Sterhammer (Midwinter, Up 24; Gothenburg Concert Half Choir; Gothenburg SO under Neeme Järvi); Hindernith (Quintet, Op 30, Tashi); Strauss (Des Dichters Abendgang, Op 47 No 2; Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, Abenderford Leipziegerm with Segfried Jerusalem, tenor); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C: Philinamnoma under 12.00 Rameau's Orch Orchestra of the 18th Century under Frans Bruggen performs 9ute, Dardanus: Sute, Les

Boréades (f) 1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hall. Jenniter Stinton. flute, Malcolm Martineau.

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Players protest at Flashman's decision

Barnet chairman dismisses Fry as team manager

BY DENNIS SIGNY

STAN Flashman, the chairman of the third division club, Barnet, yesterday sacked Barry Fry. the manager who led the team into the Football League two years ago. The news was delivered to Fry's Bedford home in a registered letter and was relayed to him by his wife, Kirsty.
Flashman's action came less

than two weeks after the club had been fined £50,000 by the Football Association for financial irregularities. Following the FA disciplinary action, Fry, who had been with Barnet for seven years, had been outspoken in his criticism of

Flashman, urging him to step down for the good of the club. Fry said yesterday: "The chairman has sacked me many times before, but never in writing. In the letter, he has banned me from the stadium and the training ground. I am absolutely gutted. I was already at the training ground when my wife telephoned me with the news. All the players are stunned as well. I have contacted the managers' association and we will take things

from there." The players held a meeting after hearing the news and the first-team goalkeeper, Gary Phillips, their spokesman, said: "We feel angry and

confused by this action." Fry

had by then returned home.

The players representative went on: "This is not the first time that management, staff or players have received the sack from Stan Flashman. In the last year. Barry Fry has been sacked three times. The assistant manager [Edwin Stein], along with at least ten players of the present squad, have either been transfer-listed verbally or physically threatened by Stan Flashman for certain things such as

ouerying incorrect wages."

It is believed that Stein was offered Fry's job on the eve of the visit to Darlington at the weekend, but declined. Fry was aware that dismissal was on the cards after suggesting last week that Flashman should sell his controlling interest in the club to a consortium fronted by Paul Miller, the former Tottenham Hotspur defender, as he was exerting "tremendous pressure" on his wife Helen and placing his son, Mark, Barnet's reserve goalkeeper, in "a terrible position".

Fry has been given a number of reasons for his dismissal, including his "execution of contract" with DMF Sportswear Ltd, manufactur-ers of the club's replica shirts,

defying a club ban on his talking to the media and his public association with a consortium to take over Barnet.

Fry had told the managers association that he signed a three-year agreement with DMF as an authorised agent on behalf of Barnet. He has also contacted the association and the Football League for advice after being ordered to appear at Barnet county court in a case brought by a health farm for a bill of £2.260 incurred during last season's FA Cup run.

Fry has confirmed his involvement with a consortium that was willing to pay £500,000 for Flashman's controlling interest at Barnet and has also had talks with Luton Town and Peterborough

Miller said last night that his consortium would meet Flashman next week to discuss a El million asking price for Barnet. Fry's dismissal did not affect the meeting and, al-though Miller and his backers feel there is a need for stability at the club, they are "optimis tic" about the outcome of their

While speculation was immediate on Fry's replacement Theo Foley, David Webb,
 Peter Shreeves and Bobby Campbell, all out of work, were mooted - the players

spoke up for Fry. The reasons given for his dismissal are laughable," their spokesman said, adding that anyone connected with Barnet would know of Fry's love for the club. "He is the one person who has kept it together and the reason that Barnet are currently second in the league and playing attractive and entertaining football must be credited to Barry Fry's dedicated enthusiasm, loyalty and

commitment all-round. The players' statement said they were "extremely angry and fed-up at a decision that once again makes Barnet FC and its loyal supporters a laughing stock. How much longer will this be allowed to

For Flashman, a hero when he saved Barnet from extinction, the controversial dismissal of Fry is another problem to put alongside a £50,000 fine for financial irregularities, a potential winding-up order and calls from supporters for him to resign.

Sheringham returns, page 38

By STUART JONES

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LIVERPOOL must wait until

the end of the week before

finding out whether they will be the second English club to be reinstated in Europe this

season. Their case, more com-

plicated and less favourable

than Leeds United's, rests on

the bizarre transfer of Mikhail

Rusayev from the German

dub, Oldenburg, to Spartak

The 28-year-old former

Soviet Union international.

brought on as a substitute by

Spartak in both legs of the

Cup Winners' Cup second-round victory over Liverpool

last month, moved during the

Moscow.



Bond will not return to Burnley

BY IAN ROSS

JOHN Bond, the manager of Shrewsbury Town, of the third division, will not be attending his club's FA Cup second round tie against Burnley at Turf Moor on Saturday because of fears for his

Bond, 59, was in charge at the Lancashire club between 1983 and 1984 and is blamed by some Burnley supporters for a failure to arrest a slide which jeopardised the club's Football League status.

Although Bond maintains that he has not received any personal threats since his present and former dubs were paired together in the competition, both he and Lancashire police believe his presence at the game could lead to

trouble Bond, who is now in charge at his seventh league club, is adamant that he will not attend Saturday's game, de-spite receiving police assur-ances about his safety. "Obviously, it is a very disappointing situation, but, to be honest, the only thing that concerns me is how my players perform in what is a very

"It is vitally important that for the problems which Burn-they are in the right frame of ley experienced in the mid to the tackle that left him with a mind and if, by staying away from Turf Moor, I can help to keep the pressure off them, then that is what I intend to

"If I was to attend and if some of the Burnley supporters were to vent their anger at me, it could get through to my team and it could affect them. I do not want that to happen so I will be staying at

Bond does not accept that



ley experienced in the mid to late Eighties. "I did not destroy that club in any way as some people have suggested," he said.

"I believe I have been made the scapegoat for other things which have happened at Burnley. That's all gone now, though: it is confined to the Superintendent Clive Foth-

ergill, the Commander of

Burnley Police, said that "ap-

propriate measures" would

have been taken to ensure Bond's safety had he decided to attend the fixture. The police were obviously aware of the background situ-ation and the feelings of some Burnley supporters about Mr

Bond's time in charge at Turf Moor," he said. "But I am not aware of any threats towards him and I have been in touch with the

secretary of Shrewsbury Town, who is also unaware of any threats. Although the Football Association was not consulted

about the matter, it may act. "It is a most regrettable situation." a spokesman said.

Paul Elliott, the Cheisea defender, is to sue Dean

Oldenburg also insist that the fee of DM50,000

(£21,000) has not yet been

paid. Peter Robinson, Liver-pool's chief executive, sent a

fax to Uefa and stressed that it

was for clarification of the

circumstances and not "in any

way" an official protest. He

believes that Spartak will be

severe knee injury. Elliott has instructed a London solicitor to seek substantial compensation, according to a newspaper

report yesterday.

The writ was reportedly issued against Saunders, who now plays for Aston Villa, and his former club. Elliott, who was stretchered off with an injury to the cruciate ligaments early in the game nearly three months ago, faces more surgery before he can return to

His injury is similar to the one which kept Paul Gas-coigne out of the game for 16 months. It occured in the tenth minute of Chelsea's 2-1 defeat at Anfield on September 5, which was Saunders' last match for Liverpool before his £2.3 million transfer to Villa. The case is unlikely to come to court before next

British lifters face new penalty

FROM DAVID MILLER IN LAUSANNE

ANDREW Davies and Andrew Saxton, the British weightlifters sent home from the Olympic Games, whose suspension was lifted recently by the British Amateur Weight Lifters Association (BAWLA), are likely to have their suspension reimposed.
The International Weightlifting Federation (IWL), following its congress in Tenerife, is expected soon to issue instructions to BAWLA to declare the two competitors suspended. The IWL, having assured the International Olympic Committee's medical commission that it supports and upholds its regulations regarding prohibited drugs, is consequently obliged to demand consistency from affiliated national federations.

Davies and Saxton, who were cleared of drug offences by BAWLA at the end of October, have been considering legal action against the British Olympic Association for depriving them of partici-pation in the Games and for "damaging" their reputations. The two competitors had stated they would not sue BAWLA. In sending them home, however, the BOA was legally no more than acting as members or agents of the IOC, and fulfilling IOC

regulations.

The latest and unavoidable decision by the IWL will widen the issue, a process that was inevitable. There was never any likelihood that the suspensions could remain "a British affair". There has, for instance, been informal complaint to the IOC by the International Amateur Athletic Federation: why should its medical commission, and the German athletic federation. uphold the suspension on Katrin Krabbe, the world champion sprinter, for use of the same drug, cienbuterol, as the weightlifters in three separate positive tests if the Britons

were to be exonerated? At the heart of the matter is the strange, and I believe erroneous, action of Professor Arnold Beckett, one of the IOC medical commission's foremost chemists in the longrunning fight against drug exploitation. Beckett has sought to declare that Davies and Saxton were falsely convicted for use of a drug placed on the banned list retrospec-

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Mitchell and his friends, Dave Ravenscroft, Peter Pawlowski, David Smith and Tony Quigley, bought their tickets from the Edgbaston booking

tickets in writing. It is thought that anyone who filled in such a form has no claim.

profession of the five and anxious to discount its relevance. "Our actions had nothing to do with our knowledge or authority at work," he said.

We are friends who took a day off to support England and came away feeling cheated. I know we were only in the cheap seats, but it was a matter of principle rather than money."

West Indies hold out, page 36

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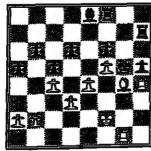
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WINNING MOVE

By RAYMOND KEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Meyer - Gelman, USA 1991. There is a saying in chess that the king is a strong piece. Black must have had this in mind when he advanced his king to g5 in this game, but white's winning reply proved that the king is also a tricky piece to handle. What did he play?



Solution on page 36

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By PHILIP HOWARD

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a antique a management and a large

b. A wildlife sanctuary Answers on page 36

HOUSEL a. A small house or hovel b. A domestic mousec. Giving the Eucharist **ECHINATE**

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investigated by the control and discipline committee of Uefa, European football's governing body. Were he found to be ineligible, Spartak might have to replay the tie. Oldenburg's commercial manager did not even know

man second division club al-

Rusayev had gone until he watched the second leg of the tie at Anfield on television. "I noticed that the No. 14 was called Rusayev," Rudi Assauer said. "We decided to end his contract but he was not officially put on the German federation's transfer-list,

lege that he left illegitimately and owing money. Rusayev's eligibility is to be

Liverpool given reinstatement hope

sponse from Assauer.
That is rubbish. He was on

summer. Officials of the Gerwhich is required, because he still owes the club DM40,000 [about £17,000]."

Wolfgang Niersbach, a fed-eration spokesman, confirmed that Rusayev left without completing the formalities. Spartak countered by claiming that no official documents were required because Oldenburg was an amateur chib. That provoked a stinging re-

a professional contract. We have been a professional club for 212 years," he said, adding that Rusayev, apart from incurring extravagant expenses in Germany, was given DM 1,000 (about £400) for the journey to Moscow.

allowed to play their sched-uled quarter-final against Feyenoord. Stuttgart, who fielded too many foreign players during their European Cup tie with Leeds, had to replay and were knocked out. Spartak's case is further complicated because they also selected Rusayev in the first round, against Avenir Beggen, of Luxembourg.

Birmingham party wins ticket refund

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FIVE friends from Birmingham, who work as trading standards officers, have won a private court case claiming refunds on their tickets for the Friday of the first Test match against Pakistan at Edgbaston last summer, when only two balls were bowled due to bad weather.

The small claims division of Birmingham county court ruled that Warwickshire County Cricket Club should repay each of the five for their £13 tickets, plus £7 costs. Last night, the county club and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) were seeking legal advice and bracing themselves for a rush of similar claims.

Almost 18,000 people were packed into Edgbaston on that rainy June day, and almost all left harbouring a sense of grievance when it was confirmed that

refunds would not be made because some cricket had taken place.

Receipts for that day alone were £350,000 and if the entire crowd followed the example of the trading standards men, the implications for the game could be severe. However, this case was won on particular legal points and the TCCB's initial understanding is that the

rocks in that industrial in its judgment has not set a precedent.

Cliff Barker, the TCCB accountant, said last night: "We are talking to our legal people about the arbitration. The raincheck system for refunds has already been revised for next year." Full refunds will be made if there are not more than ten overs of play on any day.

The changes to the wet-weather regulations were used by the five in support of their claim. One of them, Kevin Mitchell, confirmed yesterday: "We maintained if the system was altered to make it fairer. it cannot have been fair last summer."

office a fortnight before the Test match Because of this, they had no prior sight of the warnings about bad weather, printed on application forms for all who apply for